This week is Celebrate SASS (School and Support Staff) Week. I would like to recognise the wonderful work our SASS staff do in our school and thank them for their dedication and the way they care for our students. This year’s theme is “Stepping up to the Challenge”. Our SASS staff are a very dedicated group of professionals who are constantly stepping up to the challenges and adapting to change so that our students can achieve the best educational outcomes.

Lisa van den Dolder and our Assistant Principal/Curriculum Leader, Deb McLennan led the art in-service last week at the Grafton Regional Gallery. The in-service was looking at the importance of linking literacy and art. We had three teachers from our school attend. Teachers worked through a unit of work using different drawing and painting and mixed media techniques culminating in a clay sculpture influenced by the art of Picasso. It was a wonderful day with lots of creativity and imagination happening which produced a variety of masterpieces. The day provided teachers from our area with a selection of ideas that they can incorporate into their own classrooms and programs.

Kya Broughton's Operation Artwork that was chosen in 2012 is part of a travelling exhibition that is now on show at the Grafton Regional Gallery. It is a wonderful artwork and it accompanies 49 other artists’ work showcasing the skills and achievements of students from Kindergarten to Year 10. We are proud of Kya and hope that many of our families visit and enjoy the wonderful art.

Congratulations to these students who have progressed to the NSW State Athletics carnival in Sydney. Nathalie Avery placed 1st in the 100m and 200m event, Kira and Emily Masson placed 1st and 2nd in their 100m and 200m event and Tristin De Bono placed 3rd in the shot put. We wish them all the best at this carnival, this is a fantastic achievement to represent North Coast at this elite level.

Remember our Breakfast Program is running every day from 8.25am to 8.50am at the Primary Campus. The program is located in the small music room near the canteen. Students may access the breakfast program when required. The menu will consist of cereals (healthy choices) – 50c a bowl and toast (vegemite and jam) – 50c for 2 pieces of toast. Milk and juice - 25c a glass and water is available. Our school will provide plates and cups which students will wash up as part of accessing this program. We would like to say a big thank you to Crabba Jacks in Fitzroy Street, Clarence Valley Community Church and Hanks Kitchen for their generous donations to this program.

Our students have been utilising Minecraft as part of our 21st century learning being delivered by Mrs Booth. Below is a fantastic competition requiring students to build the Eureka Stockade in Minecraft which is run by the Australian Museum of Democracy.

http://www.made.org/WhatsOn/Events/MinecraftCompetition.aspx

End of term rewards are fast approaching so a reminder if students lose three pins throughout the term they are not eligible to attend the end of term reward. Teachers regularly send out warning letters to advise parents if their child is in danger of missing out or has missed out on the rewards day. Students who achieve the excellent result of having all their pins will also receive their AAA certificate.
Tomorrow is Mrs Chantelle Lee’s last day at our school. We would like to thank her for her fabulous work with 4LS and we wish her all the best with her upcoming new arrival. Mrs Gillett will replace Mrs Lee for the rest of the year and Mrs Tranter will continue her excellent work as Relieving Assistant Principal on Stage 2 for the remainder of the year.

Thank you to our P&C, craft group and parents/grandparents for supporting our Fathers’ Day stalls this week. A huge thank you to the small group of parents and grandparents who work tirelessly to make items for these stalls. The stalls were a great success.

To all our fathers and grandfathers I wish you a fabulous Father’s Day this Sunday and I hope all of you are spoilt by your families.

Have a great week
Peter Hickey
Principal

**South Junior Hockey**

South Junior Hockey finals games for Emeralds, Sapphires, Rubies and Opals will be played this Saturday at 9.30am. Last weekend the teams had their presentation morning complete with trophies, BBQ and smiles. Wendy Cotten and Kerry Barton would like to thank coaches, managers, players and parents for their full support this season.

This is Mrs Barton’s final year with South Juniors and we thank her for her organisation and support over a number of years.

Preparations are already underway for 2015.

**Legacy Week**

This week the SRC are selling Legacy merchandise at lunchtimes on both campuses: wristbands $3, pens $5 and badges $2 and $5. Thanks for your support.

**Northern Sydney Regional Primary Band Visit**

On Tuesday 9th September this amazing school band will be performing at our school from 1.50pm to 2.50pm. The band is made up of the most talented musicians from all over the North Sydney area. No cost is involved. Years 3 -6 students will be invited.

**Skipping and Library Café Week 10**

There will be no skipping training or Library Café on Wednesday 17th September, Week 10.

**Rainforest committee to rejuvenate our rainforest**

The P&C, along with Mr Cain, are going to rejuvenate the rainforest for its 20th anniversary in 2017. We are forming a small committee to implement this. If you have a green thumb and would be interested in joining this school community project committee please contact Sharon Lehman at sharon.lehman@tafensw.edu.au.

**Star Search Concert at South Grafton High School**

Last night our demonstration skipping team performed at South Grafton High School’s Star Search Concert. This was a great night of music and dance performed by a range of very talented students. Our skippers were fantastic representatives of our school.
**Awards**

**Principals Award**
- Archie Ricketts
- Alana DelLanaza
- Joe Little
- Jordan Fensom
- Tara Cook
- Teah Purnell
- Madison McPherson
- Tyler Rodgers
- Madison Gordon
- Declan Lawrie
- Corey Falla
- Zahlen Green
- Makirra Winkler
- Hugh Shipman
- Zaleea Nelson
- Patrick Reilly

**AEO Awards**
- 5DZ Zahlen Green
- 4LS
- 3TC
- 2LG
- 1/2DM
- 1AS
- KTA Sienna Robb
- KDR Hope Bullock
- 1AS Teya-Rae Sweeting
- 1/2DM Mia Torrens
- 2LG Isabella Whitton
- 3TC Sharni Bunn-Ellingwood
- 5DZ Torin Leek
- 5/6OCP Damien Sewell
- 6WC Daniel Anderson-Gaudron
- 6WC Anika Suey

**Student of the Week**
- KNC Kaiden Granger
- KBK Kiara Logan
- KMS Bradley Rainbow
- 1GJ Seth Croft
- 1/2JD Matthew Wilson
- 2KT Rahni McGrath
- 3W Liam Johnson
- 3/4JT Jessica Vassallo
- 4LS Lachlan Brett
- 5TS Tristin De Bono
- 5/6BT Kyra Jerrett
- 6MN Tom Brydon

**Blue Ribbon Award**
- KDR Macca Gaddes
- 2KT Ethan Brierley
- 4DM Connor Forrester
- 4LS Josie Mason
- 4LS Lewis Reilly
- 5/6OCP Luella Creagh
- 6WC Reece Mahoney
- 6WC Richael Gilmore

**Canteen Roster**

**Community Notices**

**SOUTH SERVICES CRICKET CLUB**
When: Friday 12th September 3.30pm-4.30pm
Where: McDonalds Restaurant
U/10s play Wednesday afternoons
U/12s and U/16s play Friday afternoons
U/14s play Thursday afternoons

**COUXTS CROSSING CRICKET CLUB**
SIGN ON DAYS Friday September 5th and 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.

**BROTHERS CRICKET CLUB**
Information for new and returning players.
Sign on days Saturday 6 and 13 September 2014 at The Link, Prince St Grafton from 8:30am – 1.00 pm. We will also be at the McDonalds Signup Event on Friday 12 September 3:30-4:30. Electronic signup options are also available. For more information please contact Lynn Rudder on 0427676614 or lynnrudder@bigpond.com

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