Welcome back to our wonderful school for 2015. I hope all our families had an enjoyable holiday and we are all looking forward to a fantastic year. A special welcome to our new families to our school community. I am very impressed with how quickly our students have settled into their new classes. Congratulations to our Year 2 who have progressed into Year 3 on our Primary campus and also our new Kindergarten students who are currently undergoing their Best Start assessments and will start on Monday.

Students have been allocated to their classes, these classes will be finalised with permanent numbers in the next few weeks. Our staffing formula is totally a representative of our school numbers and the number of classes we are allowed is dictated by our school enrolments.

Our two multicategorical program/classes will commence in the next few weeks. The teaching positions for these classes are currently advertised and will be filled in two weeks. Currently Mrs Tenielle Thwaites and Mr Brendan Palmer are relieving in these positions. I would also like to congratulate Ms Carmel Small on her successful application for the Assistant Principal Special Education at our school. Carmel has achieved outstanding results with our students over a number of years and I am looking forward to her important input as part of our school executive.

During the holidays a number of initiatives were completed on both campuses. On the Infants campus Mrs Ada and Mrs Creighton’s rooms were painted, additional display boards were installed in the corridors and the office area, a new cola was erected over Preston Park eating area, the shade cloth over the play area and sandpit was repaired, the MC classroom has been upgraded and Room 6 has a new air conditioner and smart board.

On the Primary campus additional display boards were installed in classrooms and the corridors. The corridors were renovated with new sinks and bag hooks will be installed very shortly and new photocopiers were installed on both campuses. Our school also received 16 additional iPads to assist our students.

Monday our Primary Swimming Carnival (competitors only) will be held at the Grafton Pool. A permission note has been sent home and needs to be returned by tomorrow, Friday.

Have a great week.

Peter Hickey
Principal

Upcoming Events

Monday 2nd Feb    First Day for Kindergarten
Tuesday 17th Feb    Swimming Carnival – Primary

Uniforms

Uniforms are available from the primary office between 8.30am – 3.00pm daily.

Band News

We hope to start the band program as soon as possible. Interested students are asked to return their band forms by the end of Week 2. If any students require a new form please contact Mr Watson.

Our band had an amazing 2014, this year we will ensure it will be bigger and better.

Banking

Banking will resume this Tuesday 3rd February.

Canteen Roster

Cambridge Street
Monday 2/2/15    Christine Hallam
Tuesday    Kathleen, Rhonda King
Wednesday    Joy Ricketts
Thursday    Rhonda King
Friday    Bronwen Brown, Nicole Robb

Vere Street
Monday    Christine Mitchell
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Wednesday    Cheryl Blanch
Thursday    Min Keyte, Danni McPherson
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Fundraising Family Fun Day

Saturday 31 January 2015 from 3pm

Junction Hill Tennis Club are having a family fun day to raise money for the club and to donate to the McGrath Foundation.

As well as screening the Australian Open Women’s final we will have lots of activities for adults and kids with some fantastic prizes to give away.

- BBQ and drinks available
- Jumping Castle
- First to 4 knockout tennis Singles and Doubles
- Speed Serve competition
- Raffles
- Craft Stall
- Ice Cream Van
- Plus lots more games and fun for the kids and adults of all ages

Come along to Junction Hill Tennis Club, Pine Street, Junction Hill and have a great afternoon, enjoy some great tennis on the big screen while supporting your local family friendly tennis club and the McGrath Foundation.

For further information or to register for the first to 4 knockout competition ($10 per nomination) please email Junction Hill Tennis Club on junctionhilltennisclub@outlook.com or phone Rochelle on 0438 013 346.
Grafton Physical Culture

Physie is for girls 3 years to Ladies. Physie is a sport that fuses dance styles such as jazz, ballet, hip hop, contemporary, aerobic dance and even yoga! Our innovative choreography changes annually and is designed for maximum variety and fun. Classes are held Tuesdays at the Grafton Primary School Hall.

Registration Day: Thursday 5th Feb 2015

Venue: Grafton Primary School Hall Bacon St

Time: 4pm to 6pm

Classes commence Tuesday 10th Feb

For further information visit our website www.graftonphysie.com or call Justine on 0431 470 552 or email graftonphysie@bigpond.com.
LJ & PATTY SAY 
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Sign On - Monday 2nd February 2015
4pm
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