Tuesday, 10th June, 2014

Message from the Principal

P&C Lamington Drive

The lamingtons will be delivered around midday on Friday. Maria Grebert will be coordinating the sorting of orders. Volunteers will be needed to bundle up the orders so they can go home. Please help for an hour or two if you can. Thanks to Amy Reed and Maria for organising the P&C Lamington Drive. If you wish to pick up your orders, please arrive before 3pm.

Reminder: Staff Development Day

Next Term our Staff Development Day will be on the Friday of the first week of Term instead of the Monday. That means that Friday 18 July will be the day children will not attend school, and Monday 14 July will be a normal school day. We provided detailed notice in the Newsletter on 6 May, and each Newsletter since then in the Diary Dates, so that parents had the chance to make arrangements around these dates. The four Primary schools of Westlawn, Grafton PS, South Grafton PS and Gillwinga PS will be combining to undertake professional learning presented by Mr Michael Murray, a Sydney based educational consultant who has worked on the development of curriculum. Teachers in regional areas rarely have the chance to receive information from one of the experts in the field of curriculum, so by combining with the other schools and securing the services of this busy professional, we hope to keep our teachers abreast of the latest in education. Mr Murray was not available on any usual staff development day for quite some time, hence the need for the date to be changed. I have informed OoSH of the change and bus companies have also been informed. Just to reiterate, school will be operational on Monday 14 July with all students in attendance. Our Term 3 Staff Development Day will be moved to Friday 18 July requiring students to be supervised by their parents/carers on that day.

International Competitions for English and Mathematics

Notes have been given to students for the International English and Mathematics competitions. We strongly recommend that the more capable students enter these competitions to challenge themselves and experience this type of competition. The closing date for the entries is Friday 20 June. Students who receive a High Distinction, Distinction or Credit will have their certificate presented on Presentation Day.

Mid-Year Reports

The teachers have been working very hard to complete the Mid-Year Reports. It is so gratifying to be able to report on the students’ achievements which have resulted from their effort throughout the semester. Reports also include guidance about areas for students to improve. Children will bring home their reports on Friday 20 June.

School Contribution

More of our families are continuing to pay the School Contribution of $60 per child (for the year). We hope that all parents can pay before the end of Term to cover our costs. At the end of this Term, we will have a lucky draw of all the families who have paid the School Contribution. Two lucky families will each win a $100 voucher from ‘Athletes Foot’. $60 per child for the year is used to cover some of the growing costs including books, paper, art supplies, membership of Mathletics, classroom supplies etc. Thank you to those families who have paid. Pay before the end of Term to have a chance to win the lucky draw!

P&C Meeting

Please come along to our next P&C Meeting on Wednesday 11 June at 6pm, held in the old hall. We welcome parents being involved so please come along and be part of a group of parents who make a great contribution to the school.
Kinder Enrolments for 2015
We are accepting enrolments for 2015 now. If you know anyone who has children who are beginning Kindergarten in 2015, please invite them to a Parent Information Evening for prospective Kindergarten parents on Tuesday 17 June at 6pm in the KA Kindergarten classroom. The meeting will conclude at approximately 7pm and enable parents to gain information about the Kindergarten learning program, our school’s values and ethos, and being part of a supportive school community. We welcome any prospective parents to attend. They can also arrange to visit the school so that I can show them around.

NAIDOC Week
During the last week of school, we will be celebrating NAIDOC Week. Further details will be in next week’s Newsletter, however, I would like to invite our parents, particularly parents of Aboriginal students, to join us at our NAIDOC Week assembly at 2pm on Thursday 26 June in the new hall.

P&C Trivia Night
Our P&C Trivia Night this year will be held on Friday 25 July at the South Grafton Ex-Services Club. Add the date to your calendar now so you can join parents, community members and staff for a great night out. Each year the numbers of people at this event are growing as people hear how much fun is involved.

Narelle Twigg
Principal

Diary Dates

Week 7
Wed 11 Jun  P&C Meeting at 6pm
Fri 13 Jun  Lamington Drive delivery after midday

Week 8
Mon 16 Jun  International Writing Competition during this week
 Tues 17 Jun  International Spelling Competition
 Tues 17 Jun  Kindergarten 2015 Parent Information Meeting at 6pm
 Wed 18 Jun  Area Multicultural Public Speaking Competition Finals to be hosted by WPS
 Thurs 19 Jun  SRC Mufti Day – Gold coin donation for Stewart House
 Fri 20 Jun  Closing date for International English and Maths Competition entries
 Fri 20 Jun  Reports go home

Week 9
Mon 23 Jun  NAIDOC Week begins
 Tues 24 Jun  Primary Disco 6:30-8pm
 Wed 25 Jun  NAIDOC Public Speaking Competition for Grafton Community of Schools at Westlawn PS
 Wed 25 Jun  Award Assembly at 1pm
 Thurs 26 Jun  NAIDOC Week Assembly at WPS
 Fri 27 Jun  Last day of Term and K-2 Disco

TERM 3

Week 1
Mon 14 Jul  Students return
Wed 16 Jul  WPS Athletics Carnival
Fri 18 Jul  Staff Development Day
Fri 25 Jul  P&C Trivia Night

Year 3 Camp
Please note that the cost of this excursion is $124 and not $130 as previously stated.

Grafton Scout Group - Fright Night Disco
Friday 13th June 6.30 – 9.30pm $10 per person  Ages 11 – 15 years  Grafton Scout Hall 1 North Street Grafton
Theme: HORROR  Adult supervision all night  Phone Amenda Gilmore 0431 370217
Here is this week's library news.

Author talks
On Tuesday Westlawn PS 5/6 went on twitter#NSWDECchat to talk to Morris Gleitzman to ask questions.
By Donn-Graham Jnr Barlow

On Tuesday Year 6 and part of year 5 got to go on Westlawn’s first EVER twitter chat with Morris Gleitzman; a really good children’s author. It was very inspirational to the children because we got to ask questions to him like this one though of by Ella Green. ‘If you were not an author what did you want to do?’ His answer was; ’A pro soccer player. Tragic Misfortune. Not very good at soccer.’
By Lilly Green-Powell 6K

The students enjoyed the opportunity to ask questions to Morris and we were lucky enough for him to answer three questions for Westlawn which are displayed in the library.
As the term continues we will have more opportunities for students to listen to authors and illustrators about their work and what inspires them. Thursday ABC Splash is providing a live link where students will be able to listen to popular children author Graeme Base.
Don't forget to add your Premiers Reading Challenge books that you are reading to your list. Many people are now reaching the half way mark with only 10 weeks left till we reach the end. I wonder which class will be best represented in our completed chain?
Happy Reading! Mrs Palmer

Student of the Week
Week 6 Declan Lynch 4L

Sporting News
North Coast Cross Country Results
William Pope and Mason Beadman ran at the North Coast Cross Country carnival at Kendall last Friday. Competitors needed to finish in the top 6 to qualify for the NSWPSSA Cross Country Titles. Mason finished 13th in the 10 yrs boys and William finished 20th in the 8/9yrs boys race. Both magnificent achievements!!!
North Coast Boys and Girls Touch Footy Trials
Good luck to Elliott Speed, Riley Power, Tyler Gaddes, Joshua Weatherstone, Eilish Bender, Caitlyn Bell, Gabby Marshall and Georgia Watts who will play for their MNC teams at the NC Touch trials in Grafton this Thursday.
PSSA Girls Hockey Knockout Result
Congratulations to our girls who defeated South Grafton PS this morning in a cracking good game. The girls won in extra time.
PSSA Boys Hockey Knockout Result
Good luck to our boys who are playing Tregeagle PS today at Goonellabah.
PSSA Boys Soccer Knockout Team
Congratulations to our boys who had a 7 -1 victory against Lawrence PS last week.
North Coast Rugby Union Trial Results
The best of luck to Riley Power and Lochlan Elward who will play for the MNC team at the North Coast Rugby Union Trials to be held in Grafton tomorrow.

Primary Sport Community Sport finished last term. This term our Friday sport focus is on athletics. Please note the change of date for our carnival. It will now be held on Wednesday 16th of July (T3, W1). We will begin our trial process for long jump, high jump, shot put and 200m sprint this week. There are limited entries for these events on the day of the carnival. Training will occur every Friday during our allocated Sport time. Please ensure your child has suitable footwear for these activities.
Scott Ogilvy
TRIVIA NIGHT
The P&C will be holding a Trivia Night on Friday, 25 July 2014 at South Grafton Ex-Servicemen's Club. Anyone interested in donating prizes please contact the office. Please come along and enjoy a night of fun.

LAMINGTON DRIVE
We are looking for any volunteers to help sort out the lamington orders. If you are interested in helping please come to the old hall at midday. Lamingtons will be available for pick up from the old hall after 2:00pm on Friday, 13 June 2014. Orders not collected will be sent home with nominated child.

BOOK CLUB
Book club orders are due back Friday, 13 June 2014. When ordering from the Bookclub if the book you order isn’t available a substitute book will be given and there could be a voucher inside the book. This voucher is for another purchase from the Bookclub.

CANTEEN NEWS
If you are interested in helping out in the canteen please contact Laurianna Ramsay on 0431129767. If we can not get more volunteers the canteen may be forced to close more days.

Please complete the canteen survey below. Your feedback is vital for our canteen to remain open 5 full days per week.

I would like to volunteer to help in the canteen. I can do the following days:

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

☐ Weekly ☐ Fortnightly ☐ Monthly ☐ Other – indicate below

☐ I would prefer to volunteer for a half day
Date I am available: __________________________________________________________
I would volunteer if: __________________________________________________________

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Your feedback is very important to us. Thank you