Market Day has been postponed until 10th September. We apologise for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding that we had to make a decision early this week as the forecast was for rain today. This would have impeded many of our activities and made it potentially dangerous for our community to circulate around the many activities on wet muddy grounds. Activities such as the jumping castle would not have been possible as the owner of this item would not use it if the weather was wet. We look forward to hopefully a sunny day in two weeks time. All students received a note on Tuesday explaining the change of date and also the notification was placed on our facebook page.

Good luck to Kira and Emily Masson (AWD 100m, 200m, Shot Putt), Tristin De Bono (Shot Putt), Jack Knight (Long Jump), Noah Edwards (100m, 200m) and Jannali Fernando (100m) who are competing in the North Coast Athletics Carnival tomorrow. This is a fantastic achievement to make it to the North Coast carnival.

Last week Stage 3 had a very enjoyable week participating in a number of initiatives for Science Week. Our thanks to Mr Zacek for his organisation.

Mrs Buckley will be on leave for the remainder of the term. Mr Zacek will be relieving Deputy Principal in her position, Mrs Pope will be relieving Assistant Principal for Stage 3 and we welcome Mr Ryan Banks who will be working on Mr Zacek’s class during this time. We also welcome back Mrs McFawn and Mr Taylor from their leave. We thank Ms Megan Albert for her work in Mrs McFawn’s absence.

Earlier this year our students participated in the ‘Tell Them From Me’ Learning Survey which collated some very important information for our school, focussing on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. From Monday 17th August until the 11th September we are asking our parents to participate in the ‘Partners in Learning’ parent survey. We would like to thank the 11 parents who have completed the survey already and we would urge more parents to complete this survey so we can use this data in future planning. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on a student’s wellbeing and engagement. Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements. The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. We will have computers available at the Library Café on Wednesday afternoons and in the Library on Market Day.

Congratulations to our skipping team who performed at Gulmarrad Public School last week to support their Jump Rope for Heart Program. My thanks to our parents who assisted on the day.

A big thank you to our wonderful community for their fantastic support of our Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. Our community raised $5891 for the Heart Foundation which is truly amazing. Our school will receive a rebate of 10% of this figure which we will utilise to purchase sporting equipment to support our active play emphasis at our school.
Day 10th September for parents to complete the survey. Parents who complete the survey in the Library or notify us that they have completed the survey at home will be put in the draw to win a $75 Athletes Foot voucher. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary however your responses are very much appreciated. Please go to https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?username=parent18223&j_password=Sou2061 to complete the survey.

The combined South Grafton Public School’s Dance and Variety Night will be held at the South Grafton High School Hall on Wednesday 2nd September 6.00pm-8.00pm and our school will receive 25% of the night’s takings which we will utilise to continually update our outstanding creative arts program.

On Monday ten of our Aboriginal students attended an Aboriginal dance workshop held at Grafton Public School. Our students had a fantastic time and we are looking forward to their dance production later this year. Our thanks to Ms Mason and Ms Taylor for their organisation.

Our school currently receives extra funding under the GONSKI deal which has been fully supported by the Minister for Education, Adrian Piccoli. The original agreement for Gonski funding by the Federal Government was 6 years with the greatest increases in funding in years 5 and 6. Currently we are in our 2nd year of funding and the Commonwealth Government has committed for years 3 and 4. Unfortunately the Commonwealth Government has walked away from a signed agreement with NSW for years 5 and 6. This will cost NSW government schools in 2018 and 2019 close to 944 million. Gonski funding in our school has made a massive difference to programs we are able to implement to support our students. Please be aware that this issue is being and will continue to be raised on a regular basis and we need our community to understand and support the continued implementation of Gonski funding for the next four years to ensure our students receive the best possible education we can offer. This funding is well worth FIGHTING for!

Have a great week
Mr Peter Hickey
Principal

P&C News
The P&C are holding a Laura Jean Family Portrait Fundraising day on Sunday 15th November. Keep an eye out for more information.

Upcoming Events
Friday 28th August NC Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 2nd Sept Southside Creative Arts Concert
Thursday 10th Sept Market Day
Friday 11th September Kindergarten End of Term Rewards Day
Last day ‘Tell Them From Me’ parent survey
Monday 14th Sept Stage 1 End of Term Rewards Day
Tuesday 15th Sept P&C Meeting Library 6.00pm
Thursday 17th Sept Stage 2 End of Term Rewards Day
Friday 18th September Stage 3 End of Term Rewards Day
Monday 2nd/5th Nov Year 6 Sydney Excursion
Sunday 15th Nov Laura Jean Family Portraits

Awards
Student of the Week
KBK Bridgette Tough KMS Sasha Lawrence
KDR Pheobe Burke KTA Mia Murray
KNC Emily Robertson 1TD Riley Maskey
1CC Camron Grimes 1KL Jake W
1AS Zara Bowling 2LH Caitlyn Hutchins
2JD Charliize Wheeler 2KT Thomas Fisher
2DM Matika Lloyd 3JR Joshua Vasillo
3JR Ethan Brierley 3IW Shyanne Martin
3/4JT Max Rayward 4KG James Thornton
4LG Ethan Hall 4DM Angus Adams
5DZ Noah Edwards 5TC Ruby West
5/6AP Gracie Green 5/6BT Isabella Cassidy-Creighton
6MN Reece Russell 6WC Kayo Skinner

Principal Awards
Ava Tattis, Lani Crispe, Teya-Rae Sweeting, Elise Berry, Lily Vercoe, Finn Hegedus

Silver Badge
Tara Cook

Blue Ribbons
Ross Spalding, Sophie Bell, Jasmine Hewitt, Izaak McPherson, Brayden Grant, Keilani Walker, Felicity Higgins, Eli Jerrett, Zalheyy Goodwin/Thistleton, Noah Backwell-Geerin, Charly Baxter, James Thornton
**Community Notices**

**South Services Cricket Club.** Junior and Senior sign on Saturday 5th September 11am-1pm. JJ Lawrence Nets or contact Mrs Cleaver by phone 0417 248 134 or at the Primary office for a registration form.

**Brothers Cricket Club** will be conducting a sign on day on Saturday 5 September at Ellem Oval nets. Sign on will be from 11am onwards. If you would like more information or a registration form sent to you prior to this date please contact Lynn Rudder on 0427676614.

**Breast Screening:** The mobile unit will be in Grafton from late August until October 2015, Call 13 20 50 to book your free appointment.

**Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read**

Concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch. Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program. Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torches’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

Remember for every pair of shoes purchased from The Athlete’s Foot, $5 will be donated back to our school.
Please support these businesses who support South Grafton Public School

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Warren Henderson
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M 0428 433 044
E mark.hunting@bendigoadelaide.com.au

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303 Ryan Street, South Grafton
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Grafton, NSW 2460
66425050
Fresh Flowers Delivered Daily
Interflora Member  graftonflorist@gmail.com

Jungle Gym
Play Centre & Cafe
The Old Brewery – North St, Grafton – 6642 2129
Open 9am to 5pm – 7 Days
LOYALTY CARD
www.graftonjunglegymcafe.com

Pollack Greening & Hampshire
Solicitors & Registered Tax Agents

6642 3411
- Solicitors Peter Brennan, David Miller
- Neil Johnson, John Kelly, Joshua Hoole
- Tax Agent/Accountant Patsy Sawyer

82 Victoria Street, Grafton

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South Grafton Community Bank Branch
Walk for William

William Tyrrell disappeared from Kendall NSW
On the 12th of September 2014.

#walk4william

On Saturday the 12th of September at 10.30am there will be “Walks 4 William” held all over the World.

GRAFTON WALKERS

Meeting point will be Arthur Street, Jacaranda Park at 10:30am sharp.

We will be walking to Market Square – bring your banners, wear your Spiderman outfits or wear Red & Blue (spiderman colours).

Feel free to join us anywhere in the walk or simply join us at Market Square where.

Disclaimer: This is not a fund raising walk, no merchandise will be sold, no monies will be exchanged before during or after walk. No monies will be collected at any point in relation to the walk 4 William.
Connect Playgroup
South Grafton

Come along with your kids for a play, sing, story have a chat & a cuppa with other carers & parents & even make some new friends!

For all babies to preschoolers

Where: Connect Church, 69 Wharf St, South Grafton
When: Wednesday's, 9:30-11:30 during school term
Cost: FREE
What to bring: Just morning tea for your kids

Coffee & Tea is provided

For more information please call Sarah on 0423 341 151