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Term 1 Week 1 Thursday 31st January 2019

Principal's Report

Welcome back to our school community and a special welcome to our new families to our excellent school. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and a very enjoyable holiday with your families. A special welcome also to our new Kindergarten students and their families who embarked on their educational journey today.

All students have been allocated to their classes for this year. Please contact me if you have any concerns. We welcome the following new teachers to our staff: Miss Savannah Bartlett, Ms Kylie Ryan, Miss Donna Huthnance, Miss Emily Ryan, Mrs Ashley Vallarino (on exchange from Canada)) and Miss Kate Dunn. The following staff will be supervising these stages: Stage 3 - Mr Dan Zacek, Stage 2 - Mrs Jolene Rouse, Stage 1 - Mrs Kayla Walters, Early Stage 1 - Ms Melissa Berry, Special Ed - Ms Carmel Small. Our two Instructional Leaders for this year are Ms Melissa Berry and Mrs Melissa McGrath, our Curriculum Leader in the Primary is Mrs Janelle Buckley.

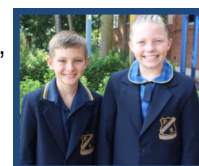
We have listed the staffing organisation in this newsletter.

We are all looking forward to a fantastic 2019 following on from our excellent year in 2018. Again this year we are able to offer extra support staff across both campuses which will assist our students reaching their individual educational outcomes and support our staff with the implementation of quality teaching in every classroom in our school.

During the holidays we had a number of upgrades to our school. We are always endeavouring to ensure our staff and students have access to the best available facilities to support our wonderful school. All of our Stage 3 classrooms and K-2 MC classroom have received the new modern furniture. Our Stage 2 and EI classroom will receive theirs very shortly which will mean every classroom in our school has this fantastic, innovative furniture. Our library furniture upgrade will also be installed later this term. Our Early Intervention playground has had new play equipment and soft fall installed, one of our Infants play areas has also had soft fall installed. During the next Easter school holiday break we will be having our new

Infants play equipment and soft fall installed. I have also just completed applications for a three bay stage shed in the Infants and the extension of the north side of the Infants walkway so it meets the entry gate. We have also applied for a walkway from our front Infants gate to the administration area.

Congratulations to our 2019 Leaders - Captains Esther Barker and Andrew Hughes, Vice Captains Chelsea Berry and Alanna Burchell and Prefects Lilly Tough, Ella Sinclair, Georgia Shorrocks, Phoenix Higgins, Maeve Giggins, Andrea Thomson, Emily Barrett and Owen Marsh.



Next week we have invited Mr John Coutis to deliver his inspirational story to our Primary campus. John is an exceptional person. He was born with a severe, life-threatening disability and he ended up a double amputee. Today he gets around on a skateboard and travels the world inspiring tens of thousands of people to be the best that they can be. He encourages students to block out the negatives and make the most of themselves. He will be speaking to our Years 3, 4 and 5 students followed by our Year 6 students and then John will be speaking to our staff as part of their staff meeting. Our thanks to Mrs McIntyre for organising this student leadership activity for our school.

Our Primary swimming carnival (including students who have turned 8 or are turning 8 years old this year and who are competent swimmers from the Infants campus) will be held on Monday 11th February at the Grafton pool. A permission note has been sent home today. All students will be catered for as there are a number of novelty races and activities for students who do not wish to participate in the allocated races. So all students are expected to attend this carnival. All primary staff will be at the carnival so no supervision will be available at school.

We have had a wonderful very settled start to the year.
Here are some smiling faces from the first days.



Just a reminder to all our families that it is not appropriate to share photos of any children other than your own, taken at school, on Facebook or any form of social media. We have permission from parents/carers to share the photos we upload onto our school Facebook page.

Have a great week
Mr Peter Hickey - Principal

Library News

Welcome back to 2019!

I hope you all enjoyed some great holiday reading time over our break, and if not.... then now is the time to get back into the habit! Children learn by watching and modelling adults too so make sure parents and carers that you make time to read a little everyday too. {how do you get your child to read PIC}

Library lessons commence next week for years 1-6, and kinder students will start in Week 4.

Please remember to send your children with a library bag if they have one and to return any books that you may have had over the holidays.

In Term 1 we have a **BORROWING COMPETITION**. Every time students borrow they receive a ticket to go into the draw to win 1 of 5 \$20 Scholastic Book Club vouchers. The prize will be drawn at the end of Term 1. So let's get borrowing and reading!
Happy Reading - Mrs Heyman

Upcoming Events

Thursday 31st January	Kindergarten students start
Tuesday 5th February	Inspirational speaker Primary John Coutis
Monday 11th February	Primary Swimming Carnival
Friday 15th February	Year 6 Leadership Training Day
Tuesday 19th February	Leadership Induction Assembly
	Meet the Teacher - Primary
Wednesday 20th February	Meet the Teacher - Infants
Tuesday 26th February	School Photos
Wednesday 27th February	School Photos
	MNC Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 5th March	PRIDE Leadership Induction Assembly
Tuesday 9th April	Primary Cross Country

Canteen Roster

INFANTS	
Monday 4.2.19	Rhonda King, Help Needed
Tuesday	Kerry Martin, Help Needed
Wednesday	Kerry Martin, Help Needed
Thursday	Samantha Lowe, Help Needed
Friday	Sam Pol, Help Needed
PRIMARY	
Monday	Help Needed
Tuesday	Bronwen Brown, Help Needed
Wednesday	Sam Pol, Help Needed
Thursday	Belinda Wormald, Help Needed
Friday	N Purnell, S Rogers

Community Notices

2019 SIGN ON DAY

Grafton Netball Courts, Bacon Street

Saturday Feb 23rd 12pm - 2pm

Saturday March 2nd 12pm - 2pm

Ages 5yrs to Ladies welcome

All clubs will be in attendance both days

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Brooke Burton on 0437426070

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Meat & Alternatives: [Baked bean muffin](#)

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Fruit: Strawberries

Water: Always pack a bottle of water

For these recipes and more examples of healthy lunch boxes visit our [website](#)

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Staffing Personnel 2019

Principal - Peter Hickey

Deputy Principal - Kevin Jones

Curriculum Leader DP - Janelle Buckley

Instructional Leaders DP - Melissa Page, Melissa McGrath

Assistant Principal Learning & Support - Sandra Gazzard

School Administrative Manager - Sue Jurd

Librarian - Naomi Heyman

School Counsellor - Paul Johnson

Community Liaison Officer - Kelly Vickers

Canteen Supervisor - Lyn Cassematis

Vere Street Staff

Office - Sue Jurd, Helen Holder, Karen Cleaver,
Annie Morrissey, Kelly Vickers

Library - Judy Baldwin

Assistant Principals and Stage Supervisors

Jolene Rouse **Stage 2 - Yrs 3 & 4**

Dan Zacek **Stage 3 - Yrs 5 & 6**

Room	Teacher	Class
1	Katrina Thompson	MC 3-6
2	Jan Dodd	3JD
3	Kimberley Gillett	3KG
4	Savannah Bartlett	3SB
5	Kylie Ryan	5KR
6	Lee Grayndler	6LG
7	Sam Davies	5SD
8	Donna Huthnance	4DH
9	Emma Streader	4ES
10	Jolene Rouse	4JR
11	Dan Zacek	6DZ
12	Tatum McIntyre	6TM
13	Emily Ryan	5/6ER
14	Tracey Carter	5TC

Cambridge Street Staff

Office - Helen Holder, Annie Morrissey

Assistant Principals and Stage Supervisors

Melissa Page

Kindergarten

Kayla Walters

Stage 1 - Yrs 1 & 2

Room	Teacher	Class
1	Kayla Walters	1/2KW
2	Megan Albert	2MA
3	Joanne Tranter	2JT
4	Liz Shorrocks	2LS
5	Ashley Vallarino	1AV
6	Kate Dunn	1KD
7	Taylor Barnes	KTB
8	Rachel Bishop	KRB
9	Cherie Knight	1CK
10	Carmel Small/Sandra Gazzard	EI
12	Deb Rosnell	KDR
13	Allison Oxenbridge	KAO
16	Emma Thompson	KET
17	Wendy Cotton	MC K-2

Special Ed Programs

Assistant Principal and Stage Supervisor

Carmel Small - Early Intervention

MC K - 2 Wendy Cotten

MC 3 - 6 Katrina Thompson

SLSO MC K - 2 Chrissy Matthes

SLSO MC 3 - 6 Danny Pachos

SLSO EI Naomi Rayward

LaST Teachers

Freya Mosler Jane Phillips

RFF + other programs

Tony Duroux	Nicole Munns	Andrew Tapp
Mark Newman	Allan Smith	Renae Ensbeys
Kim Lavery	Matt Kelly	Toni Ada

Instructional Leaders

Melissa Page

Melissa McGrath

Aboriginal Education Officer

Lesley Taylor

Aboriginal SLSO (Student Learning Support Officer)

Lee Skinner

SLSOs (Student Learning Support Officers)

Naomi Rayward	Lisa Masson
Tracy Dougherty	Ruth Sullivan
Jayden Darke	Kirran Ensbeys
Lee Warren	Melanie Kingsley

General Assistant

Mark Vallette



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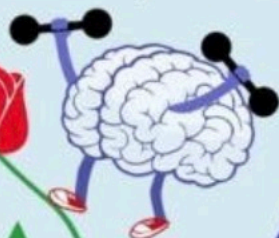
Tuesday 5th Feb 2019, 4pm to 6pm Grafton Public School
Hall, Bacon St, Grafton



THE BENEFITS OF READING BOOKS

„A book is like
a garden carried
in the pocket.”
(Chinese Proverb)

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and information

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topic of
conversation

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puts you in
a better mood



better writing skills



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entertainment



improves
concentration
and focus



enriches the language
and vocabulary

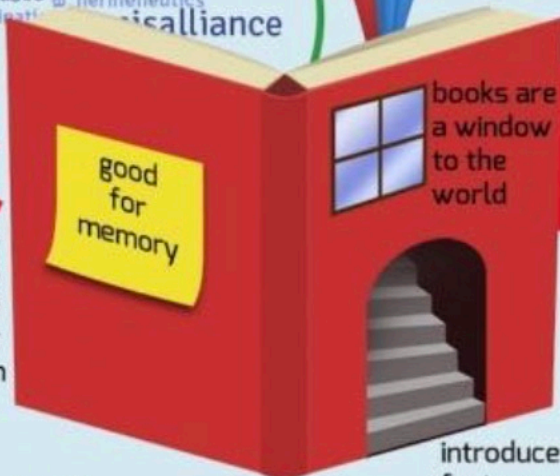
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pose questions
to stimulate
further
reflection

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for
memory



books are
a window
to the
world

increases
your ability
to empathize
with others



introduces to the unknown
fantasy world