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## Term 4 Week 2 - 24th October 2019

Our school last week was involved in an external validation process which all state schools in NSW are required to complete every five years to validate the quality of the systems they have in place in their schools. This validation is an extremely rigorous process where a team from our school had to prepare evidence to support different elements from the NSW State Excellence Framework which is utilised to help schools guide their individual management plans. Within this framework there are 14 elements and our school achieved excelling, which is the highest level you can achieve, in 8 of these elements. Our school achieved sustaining and growing in the other 6 elements which is the 2nd highest level you can achieve. This is an outstanding result for our school and the panel we had to present to, which consisted of two representatives from the NSW Department of Education, commented our school was the best school they had externally validated this year. Congratulations to our panel which consisted of myself, Mrs Berry, Mrs Buckley, Mr Zacek and Mrs McGrath. A big congratulations to our whole school as the external validation reflects the excellent systems we have in place to support our students, staff and community.

Congratulations to our girls soccer team on their outstanding result at the NSW PSSA State Knockout finals held in Sydney on Monday. Our girls played Harbord PS in the Semi Final and despite putting up a fantastic performance were beaten 3 - 0 by an extremely good team. In the consolation match our team played Martin PS and were winning 1-0 for most of the match but the opposition scored a late goal and the result was 1 - 1. This result meant our team was placed equal 3rd in the state which is an outstanding achievement.



Congratulations to our team, Mr Newman for his excellent coaching, Miss Taylor and our wonderful families who gave our team absolutely amazing support throughout the competition and in Sydney.



### Jacaranda activities

Our school is involved in a number of Jacaranda activities starting this Saturday:



**Saturday 26th October** - 'Parade of Youth' is being held, with the theme for this year's banner being 'Happy 85th Jacaranda'. Our banner team for this year is Mrs Heyman, Miss Albert, Mrs Gillett, Miss Carter, Miss Barnes and Miss Streader. The team has been working very hard planning this year's banner in their own time and our students have contributed to making the banner one that is really a whole school project. A big thanks to our banner committee for their support of this year's parade. This is a Saturday activity but our school is always well supported by our students and parents and we are looking forward to another great attendance by our students at this march. Students will be required to be in full school uniform and meet at the river end of Prince St adjacent to the Civic Centre by 8.30am. The Parade to start at 9.00am. Please ensure your child has a school hat and drink bottle if required. Students need to be collected from Market Square at the conclusion of the parade and judging.

**Tuesday 29th October** - Jacaranda Concert: Our students will be showcasing their talents at a Jacaranda Concert being held at Market Square starting at 10.00am. Students involved have received a note which needs to be returned to the office by Friday 25th October. All of our community is invited to view this concert and support our school. There are a number of new items which our students have been rehearsing following this year's Eisteddfod and Performing Arts Concert. Attached is the program for this concert. We have been informed by the Jacaranda Committee that seating will be available.

**Thursday 31st October** - Jacaranda Thursday Half Day Public Holiday. School will be open from 8.30am - 1.00pm. Buses will provide morning transport but will NOT be picking students up at 1.00pm. All students attending school must be picked up by parents by 1.00pm. A more detailed note has been forwarded home.

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**Friday 1st November - RiverLIGHT Festival (Venetian Carnival)** Our Academy Choir, Stage 3 Dance Group and our Demonstration Skipping Team are performing from 5.10pm. Performers need to meet teachers at 4.30pm. All students involved have received permission notes which need to be returned by Tuesday 29th October.

Good luck to all our staff and students who are participating in this fantastic range of Jacaranda activities next week.

On Tuesday our Year 3 students travelled to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary for their excursion this term. Our students had a wonderful time enjoying a range of activities including the Bird Show and feeding the kangaroos. The students were given a lesson where they went into The Lost Valley and a ranger spoke about animal adaptation and how the animals survive in their environment. Our thanks to Mrs Dodd for her organisation and our staff who supported our students on this fantastic excursion.



Year 3 and Year 4 Intensive Swim Program starts 18th November for 10 days. This program is for NON competent swimmers. The expression of interest notes are due this Friday 25th October.

Congratulations to our Chess team: Chelsea Berry, Elisha Scott, Riley Stanton and Jayden Barker who played Emmanuel Anglican College in the next round of the chess competition yesterday in our Primary Hall. The team performed extremely well but did not progress to the next round. Our thanks to Mr Jones for organising our team.



Thank you to our P&C who have purchased for our school 4 x 3 tiered portable seating which we are hoping will arrive in time for our Christmas Carols. This seating will be utilised on both campuses at our large community items and will improve viewing for our families.

Following a discussion from our P&C and support from our school, in Weeks 4 to 7 we will be trialling a full canteen operation in our Infants campus which will match the Primary campus. This will allow our Infants students to order their lunches as per usual but also purchase food and treats at morning tea and lunchtime. Following this trial, if it is successful, further discussion will take place with our P&C regarding the structure of the 2020 canteen operation. There will be a member of our community working in the Infants

canteen daily during this period, supported by our volunteers and our Canteen Supervisor, Mrs Cassematis. More information will be posted in our newsletter and Facebook page to promote this initiative.

Earlier this year we approached the Clarence Valley Council about possible changes to our bus zone in Vere Street and drop off zone at the Infants Campus.

We are very pleased to report the following change has been recommended:

\*a five minute timed parking between the hours of 8.00am - 9.30am and 2.30pm - 4.00pm school days will be implemented at the Infants Carpark.

\*a 'Kiss and Drop' area along Vere Street is still being considered.

We thank the Clarence Valley Council and we look forward to the signage being installed in the near future.

Stage 3 Out of School Friday sport begins this week. Students need to remember to bring the correct money for their sport and bus to attend.

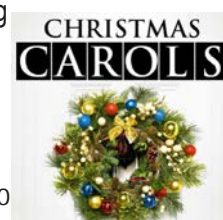
Have a great week

Mr Peter Hickey

Principal

### P&C Christmas Hamper raffle

Carols on the Green is fast approaching on 27th November. We will be holding a Christmas Hamper Raffle as a fundraiser. We are asking our community for donations of non perishable items and Christmas items to contribute to our hampers. Please leave any donations at either office by 20th November. Thanks for your support.



### Selective High School applications 2021

Year 5 students thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 in 2021?

You must apply online at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/.../year-7/application-process>

Application website closes: 10.00 pm, 11th November 2020 You must apply before this deadline.

**NSW Education**  
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in **2021**

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You must apply online at: [education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-schools/year-7](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-schools/year-7)

**Key Dates**  
Application website opens: 8 October 2020  
Application website closes: 10 pm, 11 November 2020  
You must apply before this deadline  
Test authority advice sent to all applicants: 27 February 2021  
Selective High School placement test: 12 March 2021  
Placement outcome information sent to applicants: 14 May 2021

**Please read this booklet carefully before applying.**  
Parents should check the website at [education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-schools/year-7](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-schools/year-7) throughout the application and placement process.

**Contact Details**  
High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education  
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**Important Note**  
For the Department, the High Performing Students Team is a referral to the team.

**Need to speak to the Education Act, 1990, or a teacher or other staff?**  
Having trouble or need a copy of a booklet?

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## Students of the Week Award

KRB	Rayce Jackson	3SB	Rhys Staples
KAO	Thomas Beadman	3JD	Liam Drewett
KET	Catherine Harper	4JR	Mary-Grace Ballis
KTB	Chase Taylor	4ES	Eloise Hayward
KDR	Nash Wall	4DH	Blake Gavin
1AV	Jarlee Hippi	5SD	Samuel Cummins
1CK	Brett Cabalagnan	5KR	Sienna Robb
1KD	Takavia Croake	5/6ER	Tayla Mackey
1/2KW	Amelia Goodwin	5TC	Taj Lentini
2JT	Jake Elliott	6TM	Sienna Caple
2MA	Lara Clydesdale	6LG	Andrea Thomson
2LS	Jake Roberts	6DZ	Jordan Barry
3KG	Rhianah McGrady		

## Principal Awards

Stevie Ray Simiana, Ruby M, Jaxon Martin, Flynn Street, Ruby Backwell-Geerin, Ruby Elliott, Teenikah Hippi, Amie Perkins, Alana Gabanski, Jayden Barker, Tyler Allison

## Blue Ribbons

Joshua Bunn, Lachlan Partridge, Samuel Cummins, Thomas Fisher

## Pride Awards

Poppy Brown, Poppy Katon, Serenity McDonald, Evie Bowles-Golden, Rosalie Skinner, Tiarni Benn, Jaiden Johnson, Joshua Bunn, Hailey Muller, Leo Catterall, Marlee Furner, Hunter Martin, Bobby Donovan, Phoenix De Bono, Elijah McIvor, Beau Kells, Thea Mason, Summah-Lee De Bono, Denzel Habashy, Sky Boney, Nikola Byrnes, Blake Howard, Ally Chard, Indy Loy, Ethan Dyer, Poppi Vercoe, Charlotte Hughes, Kayden Skinner, Liam Slater, Scott Warwick, Coby McDonald, Skye Brennand, Kiara Perry, Tahlia Connelly, Brianna Knight, Hudson Bowe, Abbigale Schrader, Siilus Williamson, Lilly Easton, Layla B, Mikinleigh Bullock, James Godfrey King, Taejahna Gibson-Davis, Lachlan MacLean, Isla Vercoe, Jessica Zomer, Evie W, Sophie Wynn, Chloe Valencia, Braxson O'Davis, Violet Nicholson, Seinna Davey, Deacon Johnson, Samuel Morrow, Kiedis Laurie-Daley, Mitchell Kelly, Deegan Robb, Jayde McGrath, Lily Vercoe, Bridgette Tough, Joseph Simiana, Ella Redman, Hayden Howard, Gunter Scherbarth, Aidan Menzies, Addison Brown, Finn Hegedus, Isaiah Rowe, Chayse Brown, Hailey Skinner, Archie Ricketts, Maximus Spencer, Savanna Purnell, Lily Vidler, Sophie-Lee Watson, Samuel Finlay, Kyran Jeffery, Abbey Kellaway-Small, Charli G, Eva Newman, Elisha Scott, Esther Barker, Caitlin Amos, Alanna Burchell, Hayley Robertson, Kaiden Grainger, Zannah Hogan, Tamika Gaddes, Zoe Bailey, William Cameron, Matthew Wilson, Jasmin Vassallo, Owen Marsh, Phoenix Higgins, Thomas Fisher, Emma Lawson, Jye Lawrie, Sierra Jacobs

## Upcoming Events

Saturday 26th October	Jacaranda Parade of Youth
Tuesday 29th October	Market Square concert 10.00am - 11.30am
Wednesday 30th October	Silver Badge Primary
Thursday 31st October	Jacaranda 1/2 Day Thursday
Friday 1st November	Jacaranda RiverLIGHT Festival
Wednesday 6th November	Year 5 Farm Excursion
Mon 11th Nov-Thurs 14th Nov	Year 6 Sydney Excursion
Wednesday 13th November	Parent Tour - Year 2 into Year 3
Mon 18th - Fri 29th November	Silver Badge Infants
Tuesday 19th November	Intensive Swim Program
	PPP Graduation and Parent Orientation
	P&C Meeting Library
Wednesday 20th November	Silver/Gold Badge Primary
Tuesday 26th November	2020 Kindergarten Orientation
	Assembly of Appreciation
Wednesday 27th November	Christmas Carols
Tuesday 3rd December	SGHS Orientation Day
Monday 9th December	Silver Badge Infants
	Silver/Gold Badge Primary
	Year 6 Farewell
Tuesday 10th December	Silver/Gold Badge Infants
Wednesday 11th December	Reports home
Thursday 12th December	Presentation Day
Friday 13th December	Primary Rewards Day
Monday 16th December	Infants Rewards Day
Wednesday 18th December	Last day for students

## Canteen

### PRIMARY

Monday	Michelle Mackay, HELP NEEDED
Tuesday	Leanne Torrens, Aminta Tattis
Wednesday	Sam Pol, HELP NEEDED
Thursday	Belinda Wormald, HELP NEEDED
Friday	Rae-Anne Finlay, HELP WANTED

### INFANTS

Monday	Eloise Walker, HELP WANTED
Tuesday	HELP WANTED
Wednesday	Megan Hunter, Leanne Torrens
Thursday	Rhonda King, Katrina Trudgett
Friday	Sam Pol, Trudy Clydesdale

We are in need of more volunteers. If you could spare 1 day a month please contact Lynn on 6642 3388.

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# SOUTH GRAFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL



## JACARANDA CONCERT

Market Square

Tuesday 29th October 2019

We are very pleased to showcase our students' talents.  
This special Jacaranda Concert will start at 10.00am.

Acknowledgement of Country		Alanna Burchell
Band	Smoke on the Water	Ms Edwards Ms Grayndler
Primary Aboriginal Dance Guja Girrwa	Welcome Dance	Ms Taylor Mrs Lavery
Year 3 Dance	The Git Up	Mrs Gillett
Small Choir A	Kis Nay Banaayaa – Traditional Hindi Song	Mr Tapp
Year 1 Dance	I Just Can't Wait To Be King	Mrs Knight
Boys Dance	Beds are Burning	Mr Hickey
Year 2 Dance	Crocodile Rock	Miss Albert
Academy Choir	We Shall Not Be Moved Reach Out / I'll Be There	Mr Tapp
Infants Cultural Dance	Junuybin Yiiliwiyarra	Ms Taylor Miss Albert
Year 4 Dance	Saturday Night's Alright	Mrs Thompson
Infants Choir	Get on Board	Mr Tapp
Demonstration Skipping Team	Youngblood Cake By The Ocean	Mr Hickey Mrs Gillett
Small Choir B	Woyaya	Mr Tapp
Kindergarten Dance	Never Shout Never	Miss Thompson
Stage 3 Dance	Wind it Up	Miss Carter

We have been informed by the Jacaranda Committee that seating will be available.

We hope you can join us at our Jacaranda Performing Arts Concert.  
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