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## Term 4 Week 1 - 17th October 2019

Welcome back to Term 4 and I hope all our families had a wonderful holiday with their children. Term 4 is a very exciting one for our school and we are all looking forward to a large number of activities which our staff, students and community will be involved in. Please keep a close eye on our school calendar as these events are advertised. A number of notes will be forwarded home during this period for your information. A large majority of these notes can also be found on our website and notes which do not require money are sent home via our Skoolbag app. If you ever require additional information please contact our office.

Good luck to our girls football team who are travelling to Sydney this weekend to compete on Monday in the semi finals of the NSW PSSA State Knockout. In their semi final they play Harbord PS and this match will take place at 10.15am. If they win this match they will play in the final at 1.30pm. If they lose they also have the opportunity to play against the loser of the other semi final in a consolation match. Our thanks to Mr Newman for his excellent coaching and Ms Taylor and Mrs Shorrock who are accompanying our team. Our thanks also to our parents who will be travelling with our team to support them at these games.

Tomorrow our school is holding a Mufti Day to support our girls football team where students may wear their favourite sporting team or sporting hero's colours for a gold coin donation. Students who do not wish to participate may wear their normal school uniform.



Congratulations to our Infants students who achieved their Silver Badge yesterday at the special morning tea. This is a fantastic achievement by these students and we are all very proud of them and I know all our families who were in attendance were very proud as well. We had 80 students achieve this excellent level. Our thanks to Mrs Oxenbridge for organising this assembly and our staff and Mrs Cassematis for providing a delicious morning tea.



Following on from this week's P&C meeting we will no longer be pinning badges on students at these assemblies but the protocol will be that our students will receive their badge, sticker and certificate to recognise their achievement. This allows additional time for our families to enjoy morning tea and the parents may pin badges on their children during this time.



During the holidays we had four additional covered walkways installed in our school, with two on the Primary Campus and two on the Infants Campus. All these walkways will support our community during wet weather and provide excellent entrances to and from our school. I have also received notification our additional two bay colourbond shed for the Infants Campus has been approved. We are waiting on engineers' approval to install our additional cola also in the Infants Campus which will provide extra shade when we are holding large school events. eg Easter Hat Parade. Next week in our Primary campus we have a new sign being installed to showcase the front of our school.

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Thank you to our parents who attended this week's P&C meeting. We had an excellent attendance and our P&C has been very proactive supporting our school in many ways. Congratulations to our P&C and our staff on our fantastic Market Day which raised \$10,180 for our school which was superb! Thank you to our local businesses who also supported our school. Well done SGPS! I mentioned at this week's meeting that this year's Christmas Carols will be held on Wednesday 27th November. Please note this in your diary!

Next week our Year 3 students have the opportunity to travel to Currumbin Bird Sanctuary for their excursion. We are sure our students will have an excellent time on the excursion. Our thanks to Mrs Dodd for her organisation and our staff who are accompanying the students.

### JACARANDA ACTIVITIES

This year's Jacaranda activities are fast approaching with the first activity the Parade of Youth which is being held on Saturday 26th



October. Our banner team consisting of Mrs Heyman, Ms Carter, Mrs Gillett, Miss Barnes and Miss Streader and some of our students have been working very hard on this year's banner. We encourage all our students to attend this march and represent our school in full formal school uniform. Further information will be provided next week.

On Tuesday 29th October, at Market Square, our school will be holding a Performing Arts Concert beginning at 10.00am and concluding at 11.30am for all our community to enjoy. Students involved in this concert will receive a note today explaining the details.

On Thursday 31st October our school be closing at 1.00pm with the Jacaranda half day holiday. A note went home earlier this week explaining what is required on this day.

On Friday 1st November our Academy Choir, Stage 3 Dance Group and Demonstration Skipping Team will be representing our school at the RiverLIGHT Festival being held at Memorial Park, Prince Street. Students who are participating in this activity will receive a note with all the details next week. Our performances will begin at 5.10pm. We are only allocated a small amount of time at this festival. Looking forward to our students performing at all of these activities during Jacaranda Week.

Good luck to our Chess team: Chelsea Berry, Elisha Scott, Riley Stanton and Jayden Barker who are playing Emmanuel Anglican College from Ballina in the next round of the Chess Championships next Wednesday starting at 10.30am in our Primary Hall. Our thanks to Mr Jones for organising our team.

Earlier this week I received our Woolworth Earn & Learn reward prizes which were outstanding and they have been distributed evenly across both campuses. Thank you to all our families who supported this initiative earlier this year.



The NSW Government is committed to providing before and after school care to all students of public primary schools in New South Wales. As part of the reform, a parent web form has been established by Service NSW that will enable parents to tell the department about their specific care needs and to stay up to date with any new developments. The information provided by parents will help the Department of Education to understand your needs, give them insights into where there are gaps in service delivery and help to ensure the extra places are delivered where they are required.

Have your say today at <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/basc>

Have a great week  
Mr Peter Hickey  
Principal

### Tell Them From Me Surveys

This year our school is once again taking part in the Tell Them From Me set of surveys. Schools around the world use these surveys to find out information from their communities to improve their schools.

We have surveyed Year 4 - 6 students and are also surveying our parents. If parents wish to be involved and provide answers to a range of questions about our school they can log on using the unique URL below. You can complete the survey on smartphones, iPads, tablets or computers with internet access. It should take about 15 minutes. Responses will be anonymous and we receive a report on the results at the end of the survey period. The survey will be open until Friday 25th October 2019. We would appreciate as many parents taking part as possible so that we get some reliable results that we can then use as part of our school planning for 2020. Unique URL to access the parent survey is: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/qgbmt>

## Students of the Week Award

KRB	Declan Kirkman	3JD	Isaac Hayes
KAO	Tony Spek	4JR	Tye Backwell-Geerin
KET	Sophia Jackson	4JR	Oscar Van Ash
KTB	Akaisha Pascoe-McIntyre	4ES	Phoebe Burke
1AV	Willow Eggleton	4ES	Brayden Cameron
1CK	Sami Zacek	4DH	Sarah Finlay
1KD	Sky Boney	5SD	Izabella Campling
1/2KW	Ruby M	5KR	Jessica Kelly
2JT	Hudson Bowe	5/6ER	Chelsea Berry
2MA	Lachlan Hamilton	5TC	Jaylin Mundine
2LS	Jake Roberts	6TM	Lani Crispe
3KG	Joshua Green	6LG	Gretchen Salmon
3SB	Layla Casbolt	6DZ	Charlie Egan

## Principal Awards

Blaize Logan, Yiirili Williams, Zaliah Burrows, Liam Drewett, Tristan Mason-Ehsman

## Silver Badge

Jacob Laurie, Tyler Ruhan, Tony Spek, Zahli Wright, Marlee Furner, Brycne Esterhuizen, Cassius Appo, Poppy Brown, Serenity McDonald, Scarlett Mill, William Partridge, Logan Skinner, Khloe King, Amelia Sheather, Phoenix De Bono, Jorja Eyles, Jak Gudz, Sophia Jackson, Mollie Moran, Danielle Rhodes, Piper Vallarino, Amayah Christopher, Chase Taylor, Charlotte Gordon, Holly Bartkowski, Marleeah Wallace, Ally Chard, Connor Worthy, Emily Wilson, Harvey Rediger, Kaiden Wells, Kennah Lowe, Lacey Carlino, Nikola Byrnes, Jaxon Stephens, Nythaniel Wyse-Kuschert, Oliver King, Blake Howard, Amelia Martin, Annalyse Dwyer, Cooper Robertson, Jordan Polsen, Summah-Lee De Bono, Thomas Patterson, Quinn Tattis, Tyson Cameron, Braithen De Bono, Isabella Houlihan, Charlotte Hughes, Caleb Lolic, Ruby M, George Roberts, Tabitha Simiana, Scott Warwick, Yiirili Williams, Sophie Parente, Shepherd Frost, Jake Elliott, Chloe Gavin, Tyler Gordon, Leah Hastings, Brianna Knight, Ivy McConnell, Zyrach Pinote, Tashiah Woodley-Walker, John Croake, Jacob Everson, Angel Eyles, Kelsie Ferrie, Elise Grimes, Sierra Menzies, Olivia Reckless, Jaxon Worthington, Cienna Barker, Harper Frost, Tiahni Johnson, Jack Meyer, Mya Boney, Hayleigh Johnson



## Blue Ribbons

Zavier Lloyd, Fischer Sanne, Annabelle Payne, Declan Hynard, James Godfrey-King, Oliver Hamilton, Aidan Really, Maegan Allison, Alex Dunn, Heston McConnell, Nicholas Walker, Hunter Williamson, Noah Narayan, Mitchell Zammit, Lachlan Chard, Charlie Egan, Reagan Carpenter, Hailey Skinner, James Drewett

## Pride Awards

Jaxon Clifford, Mia Berry, Rayce Jackson, Oliver Jones, Charlotte Gordon, Holly Bartkowski, Leumeah McKenna, Marlee Furner, Zahli Wright, Jorja Eyles, Mollie Moran, Danielle Rhodes, Deklin Collins, Quinn Tattis, Anabelle Grieve, Iylah-Mae Green, Annabelle Payne, Leitha Sailor, Fischer Sanne, Kennah Lowe, Isabella Taylor, Miley Abraham, Joseph Menzies, Priya Austen, George Roberts, Harper Frost, Skye Brennand, Ashton Connor, Pippa Creighton, Roxy Walker, Emmie Lolic, Ivy McConnell, Tashiah Woodley-Walker, Mikinleigh Bullock, Lilly Easton, John Croake, Aurora Menzies, Ava Thurgood-Randall, Dexter McMahon, Sophie Wynn, Jules Appo, Lilly Axford, Nathaniel Pohlmann, Jordan Wilson, Jessica Kelly, Samuel Morrow, Solomon B, Sienna Davey, Dallas Vidler, Kirra Nicholson, Skye Clarke, Rylee Kroehnert, Toby Marsh, Cody Clydesdale, Darby Rouse, Keirra Dent, Nicholas Walker, William Berk, Kage Lang, Aidan Really, Oliver Hamilton, Hayden Howard, Eli Whitney, Ryan Lawson, Mitchell Sharp-Evans, Gemma Nicholson, Ava Cable, Ella Smith, Taylah Berry, Azari Higgins, Mia Jerrett, Ayisha B, Byron Perry, James Skinner, Mitchell Zammit, Nayte Meyer, Lexi Bryant, Isaac Christian, Ayden Nacinovic, Abigail Kellaway-Small, Jorja Lawrence, Mylie Wall, Zoe Rayward, Kiana Logan, Logan McGrath, Lachlan Cameron, Troy Hippi, Tamika Gaddes, Andrea Thomson, William Cameron, Braiden Liden, Acacia Lever, Keighan Henderson-Wales, Andrew Hughes, Leara Roberts, Evelyn McConnell, Lachlan Chard, Reagan Carpenter

## 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/.../s.../year-7/application-process>  
 Application website closes:  
 10.00 pm, 11th November 2020  
 You must apply before this deadline.

**NSW Education**  
 Applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools  
 in **2021**

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**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: 1 March 2021
- Placement outcome information sent: 1 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-clashes/year-7](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-clashes/year-7) throughout the application and placement process.

Please check the website for information before you contact the school.

The Selective High School placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team.

**Contact Details**

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education  
 Email: [hps@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:hps@det.nsw.edu.au)  
 Phone: 02 9556 1000  
 Fax: 02 9556 1001  
 Postal Address: 11 West Bay 12, CAMDEN NSW 2570  
 Postcode: 2570

**Please Note:**  
 To be eligible, the high performing students team is required to receive a letter from the school principal stating the student is eligible for entry to a selective high school.

## Inspiring Excellence through PRIDE

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## Upcoming Events

Friday 18th October	Mufti Day Soccer Fundraiser
Monday 21st October	State Carnival Girls Soccer
Tuesday 22nd October	Year 3 Currumbin Excursion
Wednesday 23rd October	Chess v Emmanuel College
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
Tuesday 19th November	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	Year 6 Farewell
Thursday 12th December	Presentation Day
Wednesday 18th December	Last day for students

## Canteen

### PRIMARY

Monday	Chris Cummins, HELP NEEDED
Tuesday	Riley Burton, HELP NEEDED
Wednesday	Julianne Parente, HELP NEEDED
Thursday	Belinda Wormald, HELP NEEDED
Friday	Sam Pol, HELP NEEDED

### INFANTS

Monday	Sam Pol, HELP WANTED
Tuesday	Rhonda King, Barbara Tibbett
Wednesday	Sam Pol, Tiffany Trudgett,
Thursday	Jasmine Wise, HELP WANTED
Friday	Simone Skennar, Sarah McClymont

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

## P&C News

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.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS



## Community Notices

**Grafton Basketball** - are starting Saturday morning Basketball for boys and girls 8 years to 14 years on Saturday 26th October from 9.00am. Registration \$10.00 then \$5.00 per day. For more information please call Pat on 0447 531 494.



## Yamba Nippers

The season has started but its not too late to join! Every sunday at main beach from 9.00am! Come down into the club house Sunday mornings to join.



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- Fill at least half your dinner plate with vegetables.
- Reduce the amount of meat in recipes and include more vegetables and legumes.
- Have fruit, vegetables, nuts and seeds as snacks.
- Try our **hummus** with vege sticks and wholegrain crackers

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# FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION

**5.30pm, Wednesday 30th October**  
**105-107 Mary St, Grafton District Services Club**

Life Without Barriers are holding a free information session in Grafton for individuals and couples from all backgrounds who are interested in learning more about Foster care.

We will cover the different types of care, the application and assessment process, the roles and responsibilities of being a foster carer and the support you will receive from Life Without Barriers.

With nearly 50,000 children in Australia unable to live safely with their family, we are constantly looking for foster carers to provide a caring loving home environment to help them heal and grow.

No previous parenting experience needed, however if you have experience working in the disability, health or education sectors it is desirable, but not essential. We offer comprehensive training for all new and ongoing carers, plus 24/7 support and a reimbursement to meet the cost of providing care.

There will be tea, coffee and light refreshments provided.

For any questions or to RSVP by 28th October please call Robert Jeffs on  
0436 918 323 or email [Robert.Jeffs@lwb.org.au](mailto:Robert.Jeffs@lwb.org.au)

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# Grafton Amateur Swimming Club

## 2019/2020 Season

Come along and join in the fun at Swim Club

Our **FREE\*** 'try & sign' night will be held at  
Grafton Olympic Pool from

**6pm on Wednesday, 16 October 2019**

Bring your swimmers and goggles and come along.

Club nights will start at Grafton Olympic Pool at

**6pm on Wednesday, 23 October 2019**

Minimum age is 4 years, with race distances starting from 25m.

Club nights are designed for both recreational and competitive swimmers and are held in a fun, friendly environment.

For more information please email  
**[graftonswimmingclub@gmail.com](mailto:graftonswimmingclub@gmail.com)**

\*Pool entry costs apply