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Term 1 Week 4 Thursday 21st February 2019

Principal's Report

Congratulations to all of our student leaders who received their badges at Tuesday's Leadership Induction Assembly held in our Primary Hall. Our Captains, Vice Captains, Prefects, Sport House Captains, Library Monitors and Student Representative Council (SRC) students were inducted at this assembly. Our school places great importance in our Student Leadership Program and we have extremely high expectations of our students in these formal positions. Recently our Year 6 students completed their leadership training day led by Burn Bright. Our Captains and Vice Captains will shortly be travelling to Brisbane to attend the Young Leaders' Conference and our Prefects and Captains, Vice Captains will also be travelling to Coffs Harbour later this term to participate in the GRIP leadership conference. Our thanks to Mrs McIntyre who leads our Student Leadership Program, Mr Smith who runs our SRC, Mr Newman who leads our sports program, Mrs Heyman who organises our Library Monitors. Our thanks to Mr Zacek for been MC and Mr Jones for organising our assembly on Tuesday. Thank you to our parents and community members who attended and Mrs Cassematis and our staff for providing a delicious morning tea.



Congratulations to Andrea Thomson who broke two swimming records at our recent school swimming carnival: 11yrs Butterfly 36:18 and 11yrs Backstroke 38:03. Good luck to our students who are competing in today's Clarence Zone Swimming Carnival held at the Grafton Pool. Mr Jones, Mr Newman and Mrs Warren will be accompanying our students.



Pictured are our individual ribbon winners from our swimming carnival.



Please note our P&C AGM Meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th February at 6.00pm in the Library. Our P&C makes a very positive difference to our school and I am looking forward to another fantastic year with our wonderful P&C and I am also looking forward to meeting new parents this year. Everyone is welcome.

This week we held our Meet the Teacher evenings. Thank you to our parents/carers who were able to attend these meetings and I hope you found them beneficial. The partnership between school and home is very important in supporting your child's educational journey.

Last Friday our Year 6 students participated in a formal Leadership Training Day which was led by Burn Bright.



Next week we are holding our school photos on Tuesday in the Primary and Wednesday in the Infants. Sibling photos will be from 8.00am on Wednesday in the Infants campus. Parents will need to take their children to the Infants campus on the Wednesday morning. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform for these photos. Please contact Mr Jones if you need any additional information.

Last week Federal Member for Page Mr Kevin Hogan spoke in very glowing terms of our school's recent excellent successes in his parliamentary speech. He mentioned our recent outstanding NAPLAN results and our impressive K-3 data which places us in the top 2% of schools in NSW. Mr Hogan also mentioned our excellent performing arts, sporting, debating, choir and band programs and the high quality teaching being delivered at South Grafton Public School. Thank you to the very large number of our parents who have made very supportive comments and likes on our school FB page and Mr Hogan's FB page. Our thanks to Mr Hogan for his outstanding support of our school.



Communication Methods

Website - Parents can make payments with credit cards through the "Make a Payment Tab" on our Website.

Skoolbag App: Once you have downloaded the free App you will automatically receive the newsletter and you can sign permission notes on your phone, notify the school of absences and change of address. If you already have the App you may need to upgrade to the latest version and you will need to rejoin your groups for this year.

Have a great week
Mr Peter Hickey - Principal

Bus Safety Week

NSW Bus Safety Week – 18th to 24th February.

Over 1 million students in NSW travel to and from school each day, many by bus. In the last five years, three children were tragically killed after disembarking from a bus and being struck by another vehicle. NSW Bus Safety Week runs from 18th-24th February 2019 to highlight the importance of bus-related safety issues for all road users. It is part of the Be Bus Aware campaign which aims to improve awareness for how all road users can keep safe on and around buses.

Tips for keeping safe around buses:

- o Adults – always hold your child's hand when crossing the road. Meet your child at the school or the bus stop – NEVER wait on the opposite side of the road and call them across. Wait until the bus has gone then use a safe place to cross the road. Supervise your child walking to and from the bus and crossing the road until they are at least 10.
- o Drivers – slow down to 40km/h when the bus lights are flashing.

Visit www.BeBusAware.com.au to find out more.

Creative Kids Voucher

Active Kids and **Creative Kids** are programs designed to encourage more children to participate in sport, active recreation and creative and cultural activities.

Each year, parents, guardians and carers can receive a \$100 voucher to go towards both creative and physical activities for school aged children. That's \$200 worth of savings per year for each child.

A **Creative Kids** voucher will help parents to cover some of the registration, participation and tuition costs on activities such as singing, drama, coding, languages, music, writing, drawing and photography.

The **Active Kids** voucher can be used on sports, fitness and physical activities for registration, participation and membership costs. The vouchers can be used once with an approved provider. To find out more, parents need to visit service.nsw.gov.au.

Awards

Students of the Week Award

KDR India Doherty	KAO Heath Gilmore
KRB Thomas White	KTD Oliver Jones
KET Mollie Moran	1CK Miley Abraham
1KD Hunter Frost	1/2KW George Roberts
2LS Jaxon Martin	2MA Jyron Williams
2JT Abbigale Schrader	3JD Anja Dyer
3KG Piper Really	3SB Ruby Elliott
4JR Damian L	4DH Henry Ricketts
4ES Lacey Lawrie	5KR Charlotte Moran
5KR Koen Croft	5TC Elisha Scott
5TC Hope Bullock	5SD Jake Hogden
5SD Lucas McCann	5/6ER Lilly Tough
5/6ER Hayley Robertson	6LG Kianne Polley
6LG Jake Radmilovich	6DZ Evelyn McConnell
6DZ Emma Lawson	6TM Tyler Allison
6TM Keighan Henderson-Wales	

Principal Awards

Yirili Williams, Ethan Dwyer, Iylah-Mae Green, Nikola Byrnes, Isabella Stacey, Lemeki Kurimalawai, Tamika Gaddes

Pride Awards

Hailey Muller, Ryan Cox, Seth Sandoz, Tyler Ruhan, Thomas Beadman, Marlee Furner, Layla Menzies, Zander Lothian, Poppy Katon, Akaisha Pascoe-McIntyre, Holly Bartkowski, Marleeah Wallace, Sophia Jackson, Khloe King, Drain Skinner, Braxton Cook, Josie Vickers, Kaliayah R, Kennah Lowe, Kaelan Collett, Jaylah Hickling, Samantha King, Annalyse Dwyer, Jordan Polsen, Summah De Bono, Beau Kells, Dylan Edwards, James Godfrey-King, Angel Eyles, Elise Grimes, Beau Torrens, Chloe Gavin, Hudson Bowe, Anna Clancy, Isabella Roughley, Mya Boney, Lara Clydesdale, Channing Katon, Tabitha Simiana, Priya Austen, Charlotte Hughes, Levi Gilmore, Azari Higgins, Archie Ricketts, Mia Jerrett, Jack Brown, Mitchell Green, Alan Haynes, Lily Vidler, Shilah O'Davis, Archie McDonald, Nikki Truman, Ella McNee, Grace McIntyre, Tallyn Burrows, Annabel Dungey, Logan McGrath, Rhys Torrens, Mylie Wall, Charni Adamson, William Cameron, Hailey Fensom, Gretchen Salmon, Ava Tattis, Andrew Hughes, Matthew Wilson, Emily Barrett, Grace Burgess, Evie Jenkins, Brayden Grant, Joshua Crapp, Jailon Donohoe, Claire Patterson, Zara Bowling, Wayne Whitney, Saphy Sinclair, Zahlee Kilduff, Cadence Wilkinson-Byrnes, Abigail Woods, Violet Williams, Savanna Purnell, Emilee Patterson, Taj Letini, Mikayla Crapp, Leila Horstman, Kaleb Mahy, Charlotte Blood, Caitlin Amos, Kaiden Grainger, Chelsea Berry, Georgia Shorrock, Kiana Logan, Amailia Sandoz, Andrea Thomson, Matika Lloyd, Ella Whalon-Hollebone, Jayden Barker, Owen Marsh, Bianca Rhodes, Neva Stevens, Jordan Barry, Kirby Bryant, Thomas Fisher, Sierra Jacobs, Charlie Egan, Sophie Wynn, Jacob Hawkins, Analah Edwards-Colley, Dexter McMahon, Toby Tibbett, Charlee Sheather, Isaac Hayes, Alexander Patterson, Lachlan MacLean, Billy Cain, Jaleela Williams, Layla Casbolt, Rhys Staples, Isabella Bailey, Jayde McGrath, Mitchell Kelly, Sarah Finlay, Lily O'Hara, BJ Rainbow, Bella Foley, Beau Salmon, Cody Clydesdale, Eli Whitney, Gemma Nicholson, Elleigh Oxenbridge, Finn Hegedus

Upcoming Events

Thursday 21st February	Clarence Zone Swimming Carnival - Grafton Pool
Tuesday 26th February	School Photos - Primary P&C AGM Library 6pm
Wednesday 27th February	School Photos - Infants Sibling photos from 8.00am MNC Swimming Carnival
Thursday 28th February	National Young Leaders Conference
Tuesday 5th March	PRIDE Leadership Induction Assembly 11.30am
Wednesday 6th March	NC Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 9th April	Primary Cross Country
Friday 12th April	Last day of Term

Canteen Roster

PRIMARY

Monday	Julianne Parente , HELP NEEDED
Tuesday	Raggi , HELP NEEDED
Wednesday	HELP NEEDED
Thursday	Belinda Wormald, HELP NEEDED
Friday	Sam Pol, Norma P

INFANTS

Monday	Rebecca Wren , HELP NEEDED
Tuesday	HELP NEEDED
Wednesday	Sam Pol, Julianne Parente
Thursday	Kerri Martin, HELP NEEDED
Friday	Kerry Martin, Rhonda King

Southies Girls Hockey

The hockey season is quickly approaching with junior girls hockey starting in April. South Grafton Public School Hockey Club is looking for girls interested in playing Saturday morning in Mods (Kindergarten to Year 2) and Junior Girls (Year 3 to Year 6). For more information please email the club on southjuniorhockey@gmail.com or contact their Facebook page at South Junior Hockey.



Community Notices

2019 SIGN ON DAY

Grafton Netball Courts, Bacon Street

Saturday Feb 23rd 12pm - 2pm

Saturday March 2nd 12pm - 2pm

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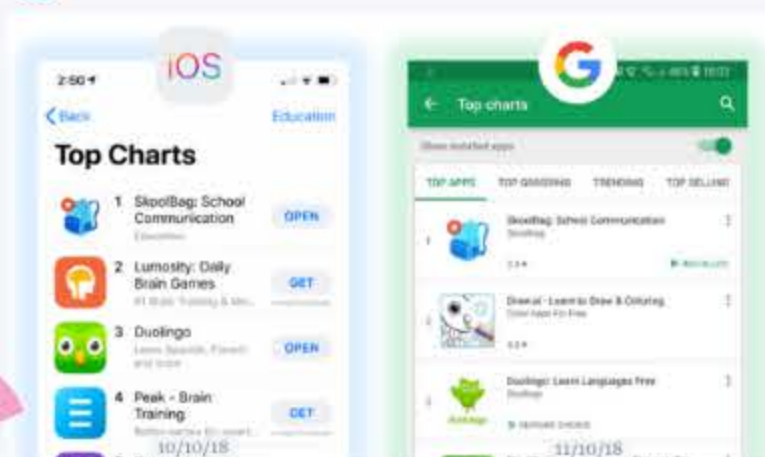


SkoolBag is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minute notices, newsletters and all your school's communications.

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SkoolBag: School Communication



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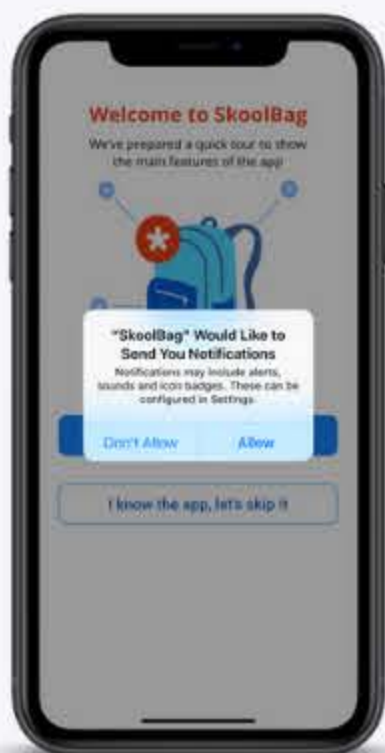
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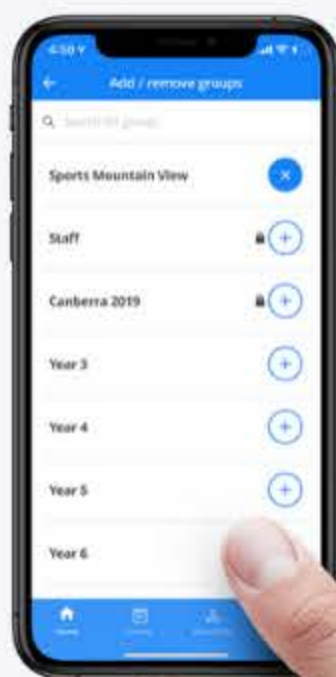
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Training Starts

Thursday 28th February

At Rushforth Park

Come & Try Sessions For New Players
28th February & 7th March

Assistance for Registrations
also available on the above dates

Active kids Voucher

www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher

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