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and pay our respects to the Elders both past and present

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Term 1 Week 1 - Thursday 30th January 2020

Welcome back to our school community and a special welcome to our new families to our wonderful school. I hope everyone had a happy 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 the school if you have any concerns. We welcome the following new teachers to our staff: Krystal Roberts, Sarah MacPherson and Amy Farrell. 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 - Mrs Cherie Knight, Special Ed - Ms Carmel Small. Our two Instructional Leaders for this year are Ms Melissa Page and Mrs Melissa McGrath, our Curriculum Leader and Deputy Principal in the Primary is Mr Dan Zacek and Mr Kevin Jones is the Deputy Principal on the Infants campus. We welcome back Mrs Toni Ada who will be working on Stage 2. Mrs Ainsley Pope who was on exchange to Canada last year will not be returning to our school as her family has moved to Albury. We wish Mrs Pope and her family all the best.

Mr Johnson our school counsellor has retired and Mrs Ann Kelly will be replacing him 2 days a week until his position is filled on a permanent basis. We thank Mr Johnson for his outstanding work at our school over a number of years and his care for our students and staff and sense of humour will be greatly missed.

We have listed the staffing organisation in this newsletter.

We are all looking forward to a fantastic 2020 following on from our excellent year in 2019. 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. Our Stage 3 toilets are currently being refurbished and this should be completed in the next few weeks. Our Opportunity Class classroom has had the exterior fully painted and our Primary hallways are currently being painted.

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 10th February at the Grafton pool. A permission note has been sent home. 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.



Yesterday all students received a Student Consent form to complete. Please ignore the line which mentions Ambulance/medical attention in the event of an emergency. This is no longer required and we will make this amendment to our paperwork. The DEC do provide ambulance services when required as a duty of care.

Our Band program will begin next Thursday for Lions and Cubs. Returning students lessons start this Monday. Students have been notified of their lesson days.



The Life Education Van is visiting the Infants campus from Monday 17th February to Monday 24th February. A permission note has gone home and needs to be returned with \$10 to your child's class teacher by Friday 14th February.

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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.

Coronavirus

The health of students and staff is our number one priority. The Department is working with NSW Health to monitor and respond to the unfolding international Novel Coronavirus situation.

The NSW Government has today requested that children, students and staff who have visited China in the last two weeks not attend school, childcare services or work until 14 days have lapsed from their date of departure from China.

Read more: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/news/latest-news/coronavirus-department-of-education-statement>

Digital Devices

You may have recently seen stories in the media about whether phones and other digital devices are harmful for students. We know that using technology is a key part of our daily lives and digital technology skills are important for learning and preparing our children and young people for life beyond school. We also know we need to support our students to use technology in safe, responsible and respectful ways.

To support schools and students, a new policy on the use of all digital devices in schools will apply in all NSW public schools from 2020.

Our school will be updating our procedures to reflect the new requirements during Term 1 2020.

The new policy includes the digital device restriction for primary schools announced by the NSW Government. Under the policy, secondary schools retain discretion to implement a similar restriction or pursue the approach that best suits their circumstances and the needs of their diverse communities.

Information on this policy and responses to some Frequently Asked Questions are available at: NSW Department of Education's website.

We will update you on any future changes that may be required to our procedures before they are adopted into the school.

We are looking forward to working with our school community to support our children and young people be safe online and balance the benefits and risks of digital technology.

Upcoming Events

Monday 10th February	Primary Swimming Carnival
Friday 14th February	Year 6 Leadership Day
Mon 17th - Thurs 20th Feb	Life Education Van Infants
Monday 17th February	Meet the Teacher - Primary 5.30-6.30pm
Tuesday 17th February	Meet the Teacher - Infants 5.30-6.30pm
Thursday 20th February	Leadership Induction Assembly
Tuesday 25th February	Clarence District Swimming Carnival
Thursday 27th February	School Photos
Tuesday 3rd March	Mid North Coast Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 4th March	PRIDE Leadership Induction
Thursday 9th April	North Coast Swimming School Cross Country
	Last day of term

Student Banking

Student banking resumes next Tuesday 5th February.



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Principal: Mr Peter Hickey Vere Street South Grafton NSW 2460
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Staffing Personnel 2020

Principal - Peter Hickey

Deputy Principal - Kevin Jones

Curriculum Leader DP - Dan Zacek

Instructional Leaders DP - Melissa Page, Melissa McGrath

Assistant Principal Learning & Support - Sandra Gazzard

Business Manager - Sue Jurd

Librarian - Naomi Heyman

School Counsellor - Anne Kelly

Community Liaison Officer - Kelly Vickers

Canteen Supervisor - Lyn Cassematis

Vere Street Staff

Office - Sue Jurd, Helen Holder, Karen Cleaver,
Annie Morrissey, Angela Hughes

Library - Kelly Vickers

Assistant Principals and Stage Supervisors

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

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

Toni Ada **Primary Staff Support Supervision**

Room	Teacher	Class
1	Katrina Thompson	MC 3-6
2	Jan Dodd	3JD
3	Kimberley Gillett	3KG
4	Deb Rosnell	3DR
5	Jolene Rouse	3JR
6	Lee Grayndler	6LG
7	Donna Huthnance	5DH
8	Megan Albert	4MA
9	Taylor Barnes	4TB
10	Emma Streader	4ES
11	Sam Davies	6SD
12	Tatum McIntyre	6TM
13	Emily Ryan	5/6ER
14	Tracey Carter	5/6TC
15	Kylie Ryan	5KR

Cambridge Street Staff

Office - Helen Holder, Annie Morrissey

Assistant Principals and Stage Supervisors

Cherie Knight

Kindergarten

Kayla Walters

Stage 1 - Yrs 1 & 2

Room	Teacher	Class
1	Kayla Walters	1/2KW
2	Savannah Bartlett	2SB
3	Wendy Cotton	MC K-2
4	Liz Shorrock	2LS
5	Krystal Roberts	1KR
6	Kate Dunn	1KD
7	Micaela Smith	KMS
8	Rachel Bishop	KRB
9	Cherie Knight	KCK
10	Carmel Small	EI
12	Sarah MacPherson	1SM
13	Allison Oxenbridge	1AO
16	Lisa Beadman	2LB
17	Emma Thompson	KET

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

Jane Phillips

RFF + other programs

Tony Duroux

Andrew Tapp

Mark Newman

Allan Smith

Renae Ensbey

Matt Kelly

Nicole Munns

Amy Farrell

EAfS

Melissa Page

Melissa McGrath

Aboriginal Education Officer

Lesley Taylor

Aboriginal SLSO

Lee Skinner

SLSOs

Naomi Rayward

Tracy Dougherty

Jayden Darke

Lee Warren

Angela Hughes

Kelly Vickers

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We welcome all new and current players to attend our upcoming

Registration Days

Tuesday 4th, 11th and 18th of Feb, from 4pm-5pm @ J.J Lawrence Fields. We are happy to assist with registration for all players.

You can also register online at <https://www.playrugbyleague.com/register>

Mixed Tackle:

- Mini & Mods (6 -12) - \$100

Please apply for the active kids
voucher before registering.

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