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Principal’s Report
There is no new progress to report on with the Sports Centre. The concrete slab will be given time to cure before work commences on the structure. I have a monthly meeting with NSW Public Works and the contractors to discuss progress and hope to have further information over the coming weeks.

Mobile Phones
Students are permitted to bring mobiles phones to school however it is discouraged and there are expectations around the use of phones within schools.

Students may need phones for safety reasons travelling to and from school and in these cases it is understandable that they bring a phone to school. However, phones should be “off and away” during the day in classes. Parents can contact students via the front office in person or by ringing the school. There is NO need for a student to make and receive phone calls, SMS or access the internet on a phone during the day. Students who use a phone in class can expect to have that phone confiscated. If a student has no need for a phone at school then it is strongly recommended that they do not bring the phone to school. Phones are expensive and very easily lost, damaged or stolen. The school takes no responsibility for phone theft or loss.

However, I do acknowledge that mobile phones are a large part of adolescent life and so the following advice on what to consider when choosing a mobile phone for your child may be helpful:


Peter South - Principal

Welfare News
Positive Behaviour for Learning:

Positive Behaviour for Learning recognises the value of using language appropriate to society in a professional environment.

Students are expected to use high levels of “school language” in all environments with all persons on site - staff, students and visitors included. The recognition of the correct “school Language” continues to occur through staff members on playground duty in the morning, at recess and at lunch. SHARE tokens with the SHARE picture on them are provided to students in recognition of this positive behaviour.

The tokens are drawn from a box on year assembly and the winner receives a prize. The school recognises the support of local business the SARATON Theatre in provision of movie tickets to students in support of this program.

Winners to date are:
Year 7 – Jemma Becker, Claire Smidt.
Year 8 – Lenice Duncan, Grace Moar
Year 9 – Riley Campbell, Emma Hart.
Year 10 – Courtney Haines, Sarah Marsh.
Year 11 – Callum Bird, Jesse Benfield.
Year 12 – Alexandra Pate, Ally Gordon.

We hope you have enjoyed your movie.

The move to use language that is expected throughout the community continues into term 2. The school recognises and appreciates the support provided at home by parents in this endeavour.

Mr Smith – HT Welfare

Grafton Show
Ryan Eggins entered 7 pieces of art work in the Grafton Show and he was lucky to pick up 5 firsts, 1 second and a Highly Commended for his art.
Upcoming Events:
13/5 Year 10 Police Talks
14-16/5 NAPLAN
15/5 Senior Study Workshop
16-17/5 Advanced English Sydney Excursion
20/5 Year 10 Police Talks
27-29/5 Year 7 Great Aussie Bush Camp
27/5 Junior Mid Course Exams
27-31/5 Year 11 Maths Assessment Week
6/6 Athletics Carnival

Community Notices

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Upcoming Information Sessions
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Canoeing News

Pictured above is the canoeing sport participants for term 1. After a much delayed start to this sport in term 1, the participants of canoeing enjoyed an excellent end to term making up for much lost time. Billy Nissen set a new record for the most time spent out of a canoe, while Jayson Wood set a new bench mark for distance travelled in one session completing 5 crossings from the Crown boat ramp to Susan Island and back. These were among many of the highlights this group enjoyed while spending some time on one of our great community assets. Mr. Smith would like to thank this group for their positive contributions made to each other in enjoying a great sport in a great location.

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