Tuesday, 25 June 2013

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Principal’s Report
Following on from last week’s newsletter I thought I would include some photos of our Athletics age champions and our students who are about to depart on their trip to Vietnam.

Above - Athletics Champions

NAIDOC Week School Celebrations
As part of NAIDOC week we are holding a morning tea for all Indigenous students and their parents on Wednesday at recess. We are also inviting parents to stay on to attend a school community forum meeting and to learn about an opportunity to support their involvement in projects at the school. A BBQ lunch will be provided.

Applications for years 8 -10 selective class placement for 2014
The state-wide process for students wishing to apply for entry into years 8 – 10 selective classes in 2014 has just been released. Students have until 4:00 pm on the 30th July to submit applications to the school admin office. Application forms and information on the application process can be obtained from the Department of Education at the following link:

Hard copies of application forms should also be available from the front office by day one of next term, once they have been despatched from Sydney. After having visited the above website, if you require further information then please contact Mrs Patterson, the coordinator for the selective class, or your child’s year adviser. Please note that any students currently placed in the selective class as “guests” are strongly encouraged to apply for permanent placement through this process.

School Musical
Hopefully you were able to see the school musical, which had its final performance last Saturday evening. This year’s musical was fantastic yet again, with many faces (and voices) familiar to us from last year, as well as some new ones. My daughter enjoys our musicals and attended with me on Saturday evening as my official photographer. Her photos are reproduced over page (not bad for a year 5 student). I would again like to acknowledge all the hard work that goes into this production and particularly thank all those staff from all the schools involved. Without their work over the last two terms the musical would not have occurred.

School Returns for students
A reminder that school returns for students on Tuesday the 16th of July. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable school holiday break.

Peter South - Principal
**Upcoming Events:**
- 15/7 Staff Development day
- 16/7 Term 3 starts for students
- 23/7 7-11 Parent Teacher Interviews 3.45pm – 6pm in D Block
- 6-16/8 HSC Trials
- 6-11/8 PDHPE Ski Trip
- 20/8 Merit Assembly MPC
- 19-23/8 Yr 7 – 10 Maths Assessment Week
- 26/8 – 6/9 Yr 7 - 10 PE Gymnastics
- 27/8 Yr 8 Police Talks
- 29/8 Yr 10 Love Bites
- 9/9 Yr 7 Immunisations
- 9 – 20/9 Final Preliminary Exams
- 10/9 Yr 8 Police Talks
- 11/9 Yr 9 immunisations
- 12/9 Yr 7 Stellar 9-11am GDSC
- 22/9 Last Day Term 3

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**Gold, Silver and Bronze Merit Award Scheme**

This year we have had an increased number of students who have participated in Grafton High School’s Gold, Silver and Bronze Merit Award Scheme. In the Gold, Silver and Bronze Merit Award Scheme, the onus is on the student to achieve the award.

These awards promote positive behaviour in our students, in all subjects. Each stage of this scheme has specific requirements that the students must meet, including attendance, behaviour and performance over an increased period of time for each award (4 weeks, for the Bronze Award, 5 weeks for the Silver Award and 6 Weeks for the Gold Award). In addition, for a student to receive the Silver Award they must also complete a community service or represent or support Grafton High School in some regard. To receive the Gold Award, a student must complete both of these requirements, but they must do different activities to those they completed for the Silver Award.

The students’ achievements are recorded on our RISC system and each student receives a certificate which has been presented during our school assemblies.

*Mrs Martin (Merits Coordinator)*

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**SILVER AWARD WINNERS**

BRATT Charles -Year 7  
KOEKEMOER Morgan- Year 7  
BRATT Tahliya -Year 8  
ROE Sebastian -Year 7  
DAVIES Nicole -Year 7  
GREEN Annabel -Year 8  
MILLER Megan -Year 7  
MIFSUD Ashlynn -Year 7

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**BRONZE AWARD WINNERS**

SMIDT-THOMPSON Claire Year 7  
TIBBS Ashlynn -Year 7  
NEWMAN Emily-Year 7  
HENDERSON Daniel -Year 7  
DUNK Kirsten-Year 7  
COLLINS Leah-Year 7  
BRATT Charles- Year 7  
DAVIES Nicole Year 7  
MCDONOGH Olivia-Year 9  
KOEKEMOER Morgan -Year 7  
GOUGH Brodie-Year 7  
ROE Sebastian Year 7  
ORIEL Zoe-Year 7  
MILLER Megan -Year 7  
MIFSUD Ashlynn -Year 7  
GREEN Annabel -Year 8

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**Community Notices**

**Need a boost to your mid-year school budget?**

The second payment of the Schoolkids Bonus is coming in July. If you are eligible you could receive up to $205 for each primary student and up to $410 for each secondary student.

You could receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school and receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or you are a primary or secondary student receiving an income support payment.

If you think you are eligible and you haven’t already updated your child’s education details with Centrelink, then visit Online Services by 29 June 2013 to ensure you receive the correct amount and are paid on time.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaced the Education Tax Refund in January 2013 so eligible families cannot claim education expenses in their 2012-13 income tax return.

To ensure you receive the Schoolkids Bonus payment in July, check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus

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**Triathlon Festival in Yamba**  
**12/13 Oct 2013**

Events include –

Kid’s triathlon; Enticer; Sprint and Classic (2km swim / 60km bike / 15 km run) distances; 1km ocean swim; 2km & 5km fun runs; and criterium.


We are also looking for volunteers over the weekend – this can be a great way to fundraise for the School, as we pay $50 per adult per day, or $25 for children (supervised by an adult). If you would like more information on volunteering/fundraising, please contact our volunteers coordinator at [volunteer@eliteenergy.com.au](mailto:volunteer@eliteenergy.com.au)

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Community of Schools Dance Evening
South Grafton High School
Grafton High School
Grafton Public School
South Grafton Public School
Gillwinga Public School

Entry: $5 Adult $10 Family
$3 High School Student

Come along and enjoy the talents of our local Public Schools!

Wednesday, 7th August 2013
6.30-8.30pm
South Grafton High School
Food available from 5.30pm

$1 Soft drink/Tea/Coffee/Nibbles
$2 Sausage sizzle/nibbles
100’s club Chocolate raffle $2

All proceeds assist students attending Schools Spectacular 2013