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Principal's Report
Welcome back to a new term. I thought I would send out this brief newsletter very early in the term just to keep everyone informed of few things that have occurred recently and are coming up shortly.

Years 8 – 10 Selective Class entry for 2015
Application packages are now available for students seeking placement in the selective class in years 8 to 10 for 2015. This process is a state-wide process and students can seek placement at any state selective high school. The availability of application forms has been advertised in major print media and application forms are also available online at: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/7-12assessments/selective8_12.php

We have a limited number of hard copies of the form available from the school. Please note that the closing date for completed application forms to be returned to schools is the 29th July 2014. Forms can be submitted to the Grafton High School front office. A school selection panel will then meet to consider the applications, with the outcome advised late September / early October. The Grafton High school panel will assess applicants largely based on their most recent school reports and NAPLAN results but can also consider any other recognised academic testing or achievement such as formal IQ testing results. Please contact our selective class coordinator - Tracey Patterson, if you have any queries regarding this process.

SCU Lismore Stellar Teacher & Parent day
Included over page is a copy of an invitation to a free information day for parents/carers and teachers at Southern Cross University - Lismore campus on Wednesday 20th August from 9 am – 3 pm. The day is being organised as part of the STELLAR program and covers things such as pathways to university, scholarship options, courses on offer, and the role of parents and teachers in influencing student aspiration. The information provided is not specific to Southern Cross University but applicable to all university study, particularly for our two “local” regional universities – Southern Cross University and University of New England. Transport and food is provided and so it is important that any interested parent/carer return the RSVP by the 6th August.

GoArt
We are very close now to our P&C annual art competition and exhibition – GoArt. GoArt is being held in the school MPC on the 26th and 27th July. The P&C is still looking for any parents/carers who are able to support this initiative by providing their time on either day to assist in the running of the exhibition. Please contact our school front office and we can pass on your details and availability to the organising committee. I look forward to seeing you there on the weekend.

P&C Meeting Postponed
Given the timing of the GoArt exhibition, our P&C President, Richard Green, has requested that I inform parents that the P&C meeting scheduled for the 24th July (the fourth Thursday of the month) has been postponed to Thursday the 31st July, starting at the usual time of 7 pm in the school staff common room. It has been great to see some new faces at our meetings recently and I would again encourage all parents/carers to attend.

Peter South – Principal
Invitation

FREE EVENT: For teachers and parents/carers to visit Southern Cross University Lismore Campus.

Wednesday 20 August 9:00am to 3:00pm

Find out more about:

- **Pathways to university** — did you know that this year almost half of all students being made a university offer will not have an ATAR?
- **Scholarship options** — did you know that last year not all scholarships were filled?
- **Latest courses on offer** — position your students/children for degrees that excite their passion.
- **Teacher and parent/carer influence on student aspiration** — did you know that students whose parents want them to attend university are four times more likely to complete Year 12.
- **The diversity of university** — the SCU Fusion Festival will be held on this day. Experience the music, dance, story-telling of the diverse university community.

Transport
Stellar will provide transport from your school. Depart approximately 9:00am and return approximately 3:00pm.

Food
Stellar will provide morning tea and lunch. Please advise us of any dietary needs.

RSVP
Please RSVP by 6 August to enable transport and catering to be finalised.

More Information
Please contact Troy Irwin 02 6620 3468 if you would like more information.
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I will be attending the Stellar University day on 20 August 2014.
Name
Number of People attending
Contact email
Any dietary needs