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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last week we ran a very successful combined Cross Country event with South Grafton Public School. As ours is a smaller school, it is important that we do try to run combined events when we can as this gives us access to a greater number of staff to help run events and it also provides our students with more competition, even if both schools are recording their own results.

The District Cross Country is set down for Friday 7th May at Gillwinga and all those students who have qualified have received their notes.

I'm sure all mothers know that Mother's Day is Sunday 9th May. To help students buy something for their mum there will be a Mother's Day stall on Thursday and Friday 5th/6th May. Each class will be given an opportunity to visit the stall. There will be a variety of items for sale ranging from fifty cents to ten dollars. Thank you to hard working members of the P&C for providing this opportunity for our students.

Friday 7th May is National Walk Safely to School Day. We encourage all those students who live close enough to the school to walk to school on that day but please remember it is important that students are accompanied by a responsible adult.

Congratulations to Brooke Lilley and Shonta Morris who have been selected in the Mid North Coast Netball team to compete in the North Coast trials in Grafton on Friday 21st May. Well done to Kiara Hankinson who also attended the Mid North Coast Trials.

Best of luck to Sam Duroux, who will compete in the Mid North Coast Girls Hockey team at the North Coast trials on Wednesday 5th May.

For all those students who have nominated, the first round of the Maths Olympiad is scheduled for Wednesday 19th May. There are still a few places left if more students would like to have a go. Please see Mrs Magarry for a permission note. A practice session for all nominated students will be held on Monday morning, 10th May.

Mrs Wyborn is currently on leave for the next few weeks and we welcome Miss Cassie Armitage who will be working with Mrs Perl in Kindergarten while Mrs Wyborn is away. Mrs Abrahall and Mrs Brookes return to school at the end of this week. We'd like to thank Miss Mead for the work she has done with 3/4C during that time.

We received notification this week that a major refurbishment of the infants classrooms will be starting very soon, this is indeed great news. The Primary classes were completed earlier this year with new carpet, pin boards and wet areas. Although the refurbishment will cause some disruption to classes, the final outcome will be well worth the inconvenience. As Mrs Abrahall will be back next week, this will be my last newsletter for a while and I'd like to thank the students, staff and community for their support during my time as Principal.

Finally here's a little something to think about from television journalist David Frost.

"Don't aim for success; if you want it; just do what you love and believe in it and it will come naturally".

Kind regards

Phil Cavanagh (Relieving Principal)

Congratulations to our Writer of the Week, Lockie Smith and Mathematics Champion of the week, Rose Williams. Both students are from 3/4W.

Writer of the Week: Lockie Smith

Lockie with his trophy and Certificate

Mathematics champion of the Week:
Rose Williams.

Rose with her trophy and Certificate

Congratulations to our Bronze Award winners.**Bronze Award winners:** (l to r back row): Shannon Stewart, Lucy Ford, Shantelle Lentfer, Edan Stewart, Kyeasha Vinall, Brianna Fordham.

Front row: Hayley Duroux, Damien Duroux, Adam Ward, Jesse Ross, Chloe McCafferty, Travis O'Connor

Absent from photo: Elisa Allen, Jaykila O'Driscoll and Hollie Montgomery

Aussie of the Month: Congratulations to Sophie Konemann who is our Aussie of the Month April Award winner.

Congratulations to all of those students who participated in the Cross Country. Age winners are as follows:

Senior Girls 3000m:

1st Brooke Lilley, 2nd Tahlia Davis, 3rd Yuri Atkins McHugh.

Senior Boys 3000m:

1st Dane O'Connor, 2nd Luke Johnston, 3rd Shannon Stewart.

11 Years Girls 3000m:

1st Jenny Laurie, 2nd Chelsea Dwyer, 3rd Cassandra Ward.

11 Years Boys 3000m:

1st Bailey Chalker, 2nd Jack Kelleher.

10 Years Girls 2000m:

1st Megan Tillman, 2nd Erica Tillman, 3rd Janai Ross.

10 Years Boys 2000m:

1st Michael Wright, 2nd Robert Gibson, 3rd Charlie Ford.

8/9 Years Girls 2000m:

1st Jesse Ross, 2nd Chelsea Holloway, 3rd Sam Allen.

8/9 Years Boys 2000m:

1st Damien Duroux, 2nd Lex Bagster, 3rd Adam Ward.



Cross Country winners.

Music: A 2001 study in Switzerland involving more than 1200 children found that, when 3 other curriculum classes were replaced with music classes, young children made more rapid developments in speech and learned to read easier. They also learned to like each other more, were less stressed and enjoyed school more.

Dates to remember:

Clarence Science Initiative (CSI): Wed 12th, 19th, 26th May, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th June

District Cross Country: Fri 7th May

NAPLAN WEEK 4

Language conventions & writing: Tues 11th May

Reading: Wed 12th May

Numeracy: Thur 13th May

Computer Skills International Assessment: Tues 25th May

Science International Assessment: Wed 9th June

Queen's Birthday: Mon 14th June

School Photos: Thur 17th June

School show – Leaping Loonies: Fri 18th June

School Reports home: Fri, 18th June

Parent/Teacher interviews: Mon 21st, June to Fri 2nd July

Spelling International Assessment: Tues 22nd June

Writing International Assessment: Tues 22nd June



CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 5th May: Natalie Bullock
Tracey Heywood

Thurs 6th May: Nolene Chevalley

Fri 7th May: Marjorie Bramble
Ron Bramble

Mon 10th May: Deneal Connelly
Lee Bolger

Tue 11th May: Terrie Duroux
Lee Hodge

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Ladies Rest & Relax Charity Day is on Saturday 8th May at Coutts Crossing Hall from 10am to 3pm. There are several stalls for Mothers Day and a jumping castle for the kids. There will be raffle ticket prizes as well. Pre-booking of 10-15 minute consultations for massage, reflexology, nail technicians, etc are available by phoning Lucinda on 0448667567.

Mothers Day Music Event: Stipksy, featuring Daniel Phelps, is visiting Grafton and performing a special Mother's Day Concert at the Clarence Valley Conservatorium on Sunday, 9th May at 3pm. Tickets are available from the Conservatorium or at the door. Adults \$15, Concession \$10, Students \$5.