PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Yesterday all staff attended a professional learning day at South Grafton Public School, along with teachers from the other Clarence Small Schools, dealing with the best Maths and Literacy apps for iPads and how best to use them with our classes. As you could imagine, purchasing and synching apps for 20 school iPads is a little more involved than adding them to your personal one but once we have sorted it out I’ll let you know which apps are using at school and that can be of use at home.

Each year Kindergarten students receive a hearing and vision test by the community nurse. Students in other years can also access this service, so if you think your child may need their eyes and ears tested, please contact Rhonda in the office for a permission note. The community nurse will be here on Tuesday, June 10th.

How is your child progressing with their home reading? The reading diaries sent home with each child at the beginning of the year are a great way to monitor and encourage children’s home reading. When children have read for 25, 50, 75 or 100 nights they are to bring their diaries in to school to receive their sticker, certificate and recognition at assembly. Reading can, of course, include being read to by an adult or older sibling. As teachers, we are often asked for ways parents can help with children’s reading, writing and spelling at home. There is no special, secret program. The answer is to simply read with them.

This afternoon Phil Hay will be bringing a load of soil for our gardens and they will then be ready to plant. I have received quite a few packets of seeds from generous parents and now we will need some volunteers who can come and select and plant seeds with the children. If you are able to help – let me know when suits.

Thanking you,
Andrew

Canteen Roster - Term 2
May 26  Kate Knight & Kelly Beneke
June 02  Renaye Knight & Kerry Stone
June 16  Casey Williams & Tara Newman
June 23  Paula Clausen & Sylvia Beichert

Canteen Roster - Term 3
July 21  Paula Clausen & Corina Lynch
If you would like to go on our canteen roster for Term 3 please contact Rhonda.

COMING EVENTS

May 27 Parenting course: - ‘Responding not Reacting’. DEFINITELY HAPPENING If still interested please contact Rhonda. Morning tea & lunch provided!!

May 29 Murri Kulcha – Visiting Performance cost $4 per child. Permission note attached.

June 5 Responsible Pet Education- the program offers free visits by trained pet educators and their temperament tested pets. Visits cover the concepts of choosing a pet, registration, pet housing and husbandry, and in particular, safety around dogs in order to prevent dog attacks.

June 10 Community nurse Kate will visit the school to test the hearing & vision of Kindergarten students. If you have a concern & would like your child tested please contact the office. Permission note went home with Kindergarten students today.

June 10 P&C Meeting

June 19 NAIDOC GALA DAY – Traditional Indigenous Games & Boomerang Art. Sausage sizzle provided!!

June 20 Half Yearly reports go home.

WEEK 9 Parent Interviews

June 25 Baryulgil/Copmanhurst Athletic Carnival

June 27 Last day of Term 2

OUR ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS
Thursday, May 15th 2014
K/1:  Jack Death & Alana Bowyer
2/3:  Riley Knight & Victoria Price
4/5/6: Georgia Gorton & Cooper Donaghey

Principal’s Award:  Zayne Weinert
Class Award:  Class 2/3