Principal’s message

Swimming carnival.
Well done to all of our students who attended and participated in our swimming carnival yesterday. Feedback from staff of both schools and the pool complex was all very positive in regards to our students’ behaviour, sportsmanship and manners. It was great to see kids who are not strong swimmers still having a go and doing their best. As well as the races all the kids told me they had a great time either in the wading pool or on the water slide as well. Fifteen students will attend the small schools carnival next Friday.

Outreach Drawing Program.
Our senior (5/6) students have been given a terrific opportunity to participate in a drawing / art program delivered by the Grafton Regional Gallery this term. We will be one of 3 primary schools and 5 high schools in the Clarence having an art educator visit once per fortnight over the next 10 weeks to deliver specific drawing lessons at no cost to us! At the end of the program, students involved will have an artwork displayed in an exhibition at the Grafton Regional Gallery.

Hip Hop dance classes
This term all students from Kinder to Year 6 will enjoy hip hop dance classes at school delivered by a visiting dance instructor. This opportunity has been made possible through a grant we successfully applied for through the ‘Sporting Schools’ program which last year funded swim & gym and stand up paddle boarding programs. Lessons will commence on Monday afternoon, Feb 22nd and run for 5 consecutive Mondays.

School attendance
Occasionally children are sick or are unable to attend school due to family reasons. When this happens, parents need to send a note to their child’s teacher explaining the absence as soon as their child returns to school. Alternatively, parents can phone the school. Regular school attendance is compulsory and significant gaps in a child’s attendance can lead to significant gaps in their learning. Regular unexplained or unjustified absences are referred to the Home School Liaison Officer and in some cases can lead to court action and significant fines for parents.

School fees
Our school fees are only $40 per child for the whole year. School fees for 2016 are now due and can be paid at the front office at any time. Please note; we do not have eftpos facilities. School fees are vital in providing a range of resources for your children such as exercise books, art and sporting equipment and text books. In addition, this money is often used to subsidise the cost of buses, saving parents a considerable cost throughout the year.

Cheers,
Andrew

Coming Events
- Small Schools Swimming Carnival - Friday Feb. 12th
- 5/6 Art Classes start Wed 10th Feb
- Visiting Performance – March 9th.
- Hip Hop dance starts Monday 22nd Feb.

Want to receive your newsletter via email? Simply phone Rhonda and give her your email address. Newsletters are also available on our school website.

Canteen roster – Term One
Parents please note as there was no canteen on Monday, the roster has been put back one week. Please contact Rhonda if the day does not suit.
Feb 8    Paula Clausen & Franca Scalia
Feb 15   Paula Clausen & Kate Knight
Feb 22   Rick & Liz Heilers
Feb 29   Terri Quiring & Trudy Clydesdale
Mar 7    Michelle Roberts & Paula Clausen
Mar 14   Amber Biggs & Kerrie Mclean
SCHOOL NEWS

COPMANHURST SCHOOL CANTEEN 2015

Welcome to the new year. Canteen is a fundraiser for the school. The canteen is open every Monday for recess and lunch - a menu is attached (There are changes from last year) Canteen is in need of more helpers and if you can help out one day per term, please contact Rhonda at the school on 66473121.

A variety of hot and cold foods are available at recess. Garlic bread and quiche are available every week. Other options are alternated throughout the term including the snack items on the menu and homemade goodies such as cupcakes, scones and pikelets. Recess is not pre-ordered. Please note $3 per child is adequate spending money.

LUNCH MUST BE ORDERED. To order lunch, write the child’s name and class on a paper bag (available at supermarket for $2.50 for pack of 100) and their food and/or drink choices. Payment goes into this bag. Small coins are preferable as this is used for change - send in 5c, 10c etc. (Please note unless you have more than one child ordering lunch large notes are difficult to change.) The child puts this into the mailbox outside the canteen or onto the canteen bench when they arrive at school. Drinks can be purchased at lunch without ordering them.

Special order days will be run again this year including tacos, spring rolls and chicken wings. A specific note will be sent home and will need to be returned by the Thursday before canteen to allow purchase of ingredients.

Swimming Champions

JNR GIRL: Piper Franklin
JNR BOY: Riley Knight
11YR GIRL: Caitlyn Clausen
11YR BOY: Riley Stone
SNR GIRL: Jessica Martin
SNR BOY: Tyrone Wilson

The following students will also go along to the Small Schools Carnival next Friday, February 12th at the Grafton Aquatic Pool – 9.00am start
Isobel Stone, Aiyana Death, Victoria Price, Reagan Knight, Dane Olsen-Maas, Brock Skinner, Cooper Rawson, Cooper Knight & Wil Price.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR SWIMMERS!!

COMMUNITY NEWS

COPMANHURST SADDLERY MUSEUM

OPEN THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH!! NEXT OPENING:- FEBRUARY 28TH 2016

CONTACTS: DON FRAME-66473285, LEONE ROBERTS-66449211, PHILLIPA PAGE- 66473182

Grafton Junior Rugby League Sign On Days

Grafton Ghosts Junior Rugby League will be holding two sign on days at Grafton Shopping World on Sat 6th Feb & 13th Feb from 9am – 2pm and a Come & Try day at Frank McGuren field on the 20th Feb 2016 from 9am-2pm.
Players from 5 years old - U/7s to U/16s for boys and U/7s to U/12s for girls.
Parent/Guardian must be present to register children. New players will need to bring their original Birth Certificate or current Passport. To register or for further info contact Jo Lucas - 0448864542 or graftonjr1@hotmail.com

Enjoy your week