Dear Parents,

Jacaranda Float
This year our school will be entering a float in the Jacaranda Float Procession on **Saturday 7th November**. All students are invited to come along and be on the float. Our theme will be from our performance of Pinocchio and students may dress up in their Pinocchio costumes. Some of these costumes have been stored and can be given to the students prior to the float procession. Our P&C committee also requests any available family members to come along to Cromack Transport at 11:30am on the day to help decorate the float for the procession.

Students may meet and board the decorated truck along Prince Street near Jacaranda Park between 4:00 and 4:30pm. The float procession is due to commence at 5:00pm.

Keeping Kids Safe
The school will be utilising a variety of Keeping Kids Safe activities from the Daniel Morcombe Foundation next week leading up to the Day for Daniel on Friday next week. On the Day for Daniel (Friday 30th October) students may come to school wearing red mufti clothes where possible to raise awareness of student safety issues.

Leaving School
While focussing on student safety, we would like to remind parents that students are not to wait in or near the car park for parents to arrive. If a parent’s car is not there to pick up their child when the bell rings, students must join the bus students who are supervised until a parent arrives and safely away from moving cars. In addition, students crossing the road near the bus shelter must cross with an adult or wait for the teacher on duty to accompany them. Student wellbeing is always a key concern.
**Sunglasses**
The school has sunglasses for students available for sale at the front office. These sunglasses come in three different sizes in a protective case for $15.

**Choir**
Ms Fowles has kindly added an additional day for students in K/1 who wish to sing in a choir. This is addition to the choir for years 2-6.

**Calendar Forms and Disco Note**
Calendar order forms and disco notes were sent home with students today. If you missed out on getting these P&C notes, please ask for a copy at the office.

**School Swimming and Water Safety**
Towards the end of this term, our school will be joining the School Swimming and Water Safety program to be held at Grafton Olympic Pool. The School Swimming and Water Safety Program is a learn to swim and water safety program that develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival for students in Years 2 to 6. The Program operates daily lessons of 45 minutes over 10 consecutive school days. The intensive nature of the lessons provides the most beneficial student outcomes. We will be able to send 30 students to this program. As a school initiative, we will fund this program for students including bus fare and pool entry for the ten days. The Department of Education will provide additional teaching staff to enable small ratios for swimming groups. The program will run from Monday 16th November to Friday 27th November. A permission slip is attached at the end of this newsletter for parents to complete if interested. **There are still some positions available.**

**Canteen**
Due to a change of circumstances, we would like to request any parents who would be interested in volunteering at the school canteen on Wednesdays to please contact the school to let us know, so we can modify the existing roster. Thanks!
Assembly
Well done to all our award winners from our Friday assembly. Congratulations to James D who read his story as a Writer of the Fortnight from K/1. Congratulations to our merit card winners Skye, Ava, Amber, Riley N, Neva, Chloe, Sophie, Violet, Charlotte, Riley C, Chelsea and Emily. Our next school assembly will be held at the regular time of 12:30pm in our hall next Friday with writers of the fortnight from 2/3 and an item from 4/5/6. All parents are welcome to attend.

Coutts Café
Both K/1 and 4/5/6 are looking at organising their days to cook in the Coutts Café program this term. 4/5/6 are hoping to cook on Monday 2nd November and K/1 on Thursday 19th November. If you are able to come along to assist with your child’s cooking class, can you please contact Mrs Simpson to let her know that you will be available to help out.

With thanks,
Matt Hankinson

Cake Raffle
We thank the Newton family who are supplying the cake tomorrow. Next Friday, 30th October the cake will be supplied by the Pulis Family. We thank the parents for their support with this P&C fundraiser. Please note, any family who does not wish to be included on this roster please phone the office.

P&C Meeting
Our next scheduled P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 26th November at 9:30am in the school staffroom. Parents and community members are welcome to come along.

Pinocchio DVD
Our DVDs are back in stock again. They are on sale at the office for $20 each if you wish to purchase a copy.

Book Club
Book Club order forms were distributed last week and orders need to be returned to the office by Thursday, 29th October.
Here is another copy of the Jacaranda Absence Explanation in case you need it.

Explanation of Student Absence – Thursday 5th November 2015.

My child(ren) ……………………………………………………………………… will not be attending school on Thursday 5th November 2015 as they will be participating in the Jacaranda Festival. I understand that I am responsible for the care and supervision of my child(ren) on this day.

Parent/ Carer Name:……………………
Signature………………………………………

SCHOOL SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

I give permission for my child _____________________________ to participate in the ten day School Swimming and Water Safety Program to be held at Grafton Olympic Pool each day from Monday 16th November 2015 to Friday 27th November 2015.

I understand that students are to come to school in uniform with their swimming gear in a bag and be transported by bus to and from the pool. There are no costs involved to join this program but I understand that only thirty places are available. Priority will be given to younger students and weaker swimmers. I understand that I will receive confirmation of my child’s participation or position on a waiting list.

Signed________________________________________ Date ______________________

Please list any relevant Health Issues ______________________________________

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Swimming Ability of my Child

Please circle one option.
1. Non-swimmer.
2. Can swim 1 – 5m in shallow water.
3. Can swim 6 – 10m (across the pool) in chest high water or deeper.
4. Can swim 1 lap = 50m/squad swimmers