Dear Parents,

Welcome back for the start of the new school year. Welcome also to our new students and their families and our new kindergarten children who begin this Friday. We are looking forward to working as partners in the education of your children.

**Class Structures**
Welcome to Mrs Conyard who has recently joined our staff. The class structure for 2015 will be Mrs Conyard on K/1, Mr Hankinson and Ms Crawley on 2/3 and Mr Attwater on 4/5/6 whilst Mr Bruce is on leave. On Tuesdays students will attend the school library with Mrs Coleman and may borrow books. Mrs Edwards is working as an instructional leader to support K/1 and 2/3 with numeracy throughout the year due to additional funding under the Early Action for Success program.

We will hold an information night for parents to meet our staff and hear about school programs and visit classrooms on Tuesday 10\(^{th}\) February at 6pm. Parents are invited to come along and meet your child’s teacher.

*Swimming Carnival on Friday next week!*
School Leaders Induction Assembly
Our School Leaders Induction Ceremony will be held on Tuesday 3rd February at 10:30am. We would like to invite our parents and school community to come along to this ceremony, especially parents of school captains, house captains and library monitors, so that you can formally pin the badge onto your child’s uniform as part of the induction. House meetings were held this afternoon, so that students and parents know who our house captains will be, in time for our swimming carnival next week. Our Library Monitors were also selected this afternoon. Congratulations to all our school leaders for 2015.

Our regular assemblies will begin on Friday 20th February at 12:30pm. These assemblies are held every second Friday.

Swimming Carnival
On Friday 6th February we will be holding our school swimming carnival. We will be combining with Gillwinga Public School for our swimming carnival to share the resources of the pool but will award place ribbons, age champions and house points separately. All students in years 2 – 6 should bring home a separate note today. It is important that all notes are returned (whether you are able to go or not) so we know how many are attending. There will be 25m events (with kickboards too, if you want) as well as the official 50m events.

School Hats
We are continuing to emphasise that students wear school hats in the playground. The daily hat draw will continue to encourage this and students will need to be wearing a school hat to play in the sun. To support sun safe practices students should not wear peaked caps but are encouraged to wear broadbrim or bucket hats to protect face, neck and ears from sun damage.
Year Six Gift
At the end of 2014, our leaving year six students decided to purchase a perpetual trophy/shield for a fun table tennis competition to be held at school each year. This competition will take place later in the year. Thanks!

P&C Annual General Meeting
Our School Parents and Citizens’ (P&C) Association will hold its Annual General Meeting on 19th February in the school staffroom at 9:30am. I would encourage as many parents as possible to attend this meeting and support our school.

100 Nights Reading
Congratulations to Andrew for achieving 100 nights reading right at the end of 2014. Andrew selected a free book to continue his great reading habits in the new school year.

Make sure everyone makes a great effort with home reading once again this year!

Library
Library is held each Tuesday for classes. Students should remember to bring their library bags to protect any books they borrow.

With thanks,
Matt Hankinson

Dates for the Calendar
Tues 3/2/15 Leader Induction Assembly
Fri 6/2/15 Swimming Carnival
Wed 11/2/15 CSI begins at South Grafton High
Fri 13/2/15 Small Schools Swimming Carnival
Thurs 19/2/15 P&C AGM
19/2/15 Clarence District Swimming Carnival
Fri 20/2/15 First regular school assembly
Thurs 19/3/15 Samba Experience show
Thurs 2/4/15 Last day of term one
Cake Raffle
The weekly cake raffle will continue this year and will commence in week 3, Friday, 15th February. The cake will be supplied by the family of Savannah & Donavan Bailey. We thank the parents for their support of this fundraiser.

Canteen  Commencing Wednesday, 4th February.
For next week, canteen will be Wednesday only due to swimming carnival on Friday. Canteen menu will be sent home separately. Volunteers are needed if you could please ring or text Jess on 66495114 or 0478 229 276.

Karate Classes
Karate classes will resume at the Coutts Crossing Coronation Hall on Monday 2nd February at 5:30pm. New beginners are welcome. Students must be 10 or older.

School Uniforms
Uniforms are available from U-Design, 170 North Street in Grafton (gate 4). The hours of operation are Monday 10am–2pm, Thursday, 3.30–7.00 pm and Saturdays 9am–1pm.

The school also has some stock of uniforms but not all sizes are available, just enquire at the office.