Dear Parents,

Congratulations to Lachlan, Emily S and Dylan who swam at the Clarence District Swimming Carnival against the best swimmers in the Clarence last Thursday. Well done for a great effort! The next sports event on the radar will be our cross country towards the end of term. In fact the Small Schools’ Cross Country will be held on the final Monday of Term One (30th March).

**Schools Clean Up Day**
As part of the larger Clean Up Australia Day program, Friday is Schools’ Clean Up Day. Tomorrow we will spend some time cleaning up our playground and investigating the types of litter found in and around our school. Students will be given gloves to participate in this activity.

**Senior Excursion**
Senior students in years 5 and 6 will be bringing home a note today regarding the school excursion to Cascade Environmental Education Centre in June. Students will participate in environmental studies, bushwalking, possibly mountain bikes and a low ropes course during this three-day excursion. Our senior school excursions alternate between a lower cost excursion and a Canberra Excursion, which should run in 2016.

**Crunch and Sip**
At school we promote healthy eating and I would like to thank Mrs Conyard, who is coordinating our Crunch and Sip program. A separate note will be sent home today regarding this program.

**Head Lice**
There have been a few reported cases of head lice recently. To help stop the spread, we would ask parents to please check their children’s scalp and if lice or nits are found to treat them, before sending your child back to school. This will help stop any transfer of head lice amongst students.
Assembly
Congratulations to our award winners from Friday’s assembly. Our swimmers were awarded their ribbons and trophies from our school swimming carnival. Anyone away on Friday received their ribbons and trophy this morning. Christian and Caitlyn read their lovely stories to the assembly as the first Writers of the Fortnight for 2015. Finally congratulations to our merit card winners Violet, Pedro, Andrew, Jayde, Savannah, Hannah, Skye, Lachlan, Megan and Chloe. Well done everyone! Our next assembly will be held on Friday next week.

Whole School Musical
Our whole school musical this year will be the production Pinocchio. At the moment Mr Attwater’s class have been reading through the script with Mrs Edwards, to look at deciding who will play the major character rolls.

K/1 Request
If any families have some at home, Mrs Conyard would like to request some little plastic jars/containers e.g. peanut butter with lids to store paint. Thank you to families that have already sent some in!
Upcoming Events in March

Photographs
School Photographs will be taken at school on Thursday 26\textsuperscript{th} March.

Samba Experience
A visiting show will be coming to our school on the 19\textsuperscript{th} March is called the Samba Experience. Unfortunately, this show is limited to 60 students and will cost $3 per child (already subsidised by the school). Payments may be made to the front office to book your visit to this show.

The school cross country and Easter events have yet to be finalised and will be in future newsletters.

Win a Classroom Makeover
The Daily Examiner is running a competition to win your school a $5000 classroom makeover. \textbf{If you} purchase the Daily Examiner and are happy to collect the daily tokens printed in the Examiner between Sat 14/2/15 and Mon 16/3/15, please bring them into school. At the end of the competition the school with the most number of tokens per student will win.

With thanks,
\textit{Matt Hankinson}

Cake Raffle
We thank the family of Ryan who are supplying the cake tomorrow. Next Friday (6th March) the family of Charni and Ashton will supply the cake. We thank the parents for their support with this fundraiser. Any family who do not wish to be on the roster to supply a cake please contact the office otherwise you will be included on the roster.

School Fees
School fees are now due for payment. The cost is $50 for the whole year or can be paid by the term $12.50 each term. These fees are to be paid at the office.
Coffs Harbour & District Baseball Association
Sign-on days to be held at the Bray Street Sports Grounds in Coffs Harbour on March 14th, 21st & 28th between 9 am & noon. Players of all ages & abilities welcome to come and try baseball at the sign-on days. Further enquiries from Bill Langler 0421 553093.

Grafton Netball Association
Registration days will be on Saturday 14th of February & Saturday the 21st of February from 12pm-2pm at the netball courts in Bacon Street. Delegates from all clubs will be presents on the day so come along as part of a team or as an individual to register.

NetSetGo
Australia's introductory program to netball. A fun skills based program for children aged 5-7yrs. Costs $70 for the season with no additional charges & includes the ANZ 2015 NetSetGo pack. It will commence on Saturday 2nd of May from 11.30-12.30pm. Registration days as above.

Jnr Rugby Union
The Grafton Redmen Juniors (ages 6 and up) are having sign on days soon. These days are Friday 13th March (4pm to 7pm at Grafton Shopping World) as well as Friday 20th and 27th March (5:30 to 6pm at Rugby Park, Hay Street, South Grafton). For further information please contact Jason Connors 0419 636 788 or Gervase Bertus 0409 227 823.

Drainage Works
The Clarence Valley Council has informed the school that it will be undertaking drainage between the school and the street at the end of March to improve drainage and the appearance of the area.