Dear Parents,

Assembly
On Friday, Emily was inducted as school captain and we enjoyed a wonderful nursery rhyme item from K/1 students, which delighted us all. Congratulations to our award winners from Friday’s assembly. Tamsyn and Davey read their exciting stories to the assembly as the Writers of the Fortnight from 4/5/6. Congratulations to our merit card winners Talyn, Caitlyn, Lillie, Emily M, Leila, Sophie, Jasmine, Cheyenne, Molly, Tanisha, Ava, Monique F, Dylan and Justyn. Well done everyone! Our next assembly will be held on Friday next week (at an earlier time).
Head Lice
There are still occasional cases of head lice. To help stop the spread, we would ask parents to please regularly 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.

Samba Experience
A visiting show will be coming to our school on the 19\textsuperscript{th} March is called the Samba Experience. This show has been subsidised by the school. Payments may be made to the front office to book your visit to this show. Only the first 60 students will attend and waiting list will be created for other students wishing to attend. Please make sure you pay to reserve your place to see and participate in this exciting show.

Early Action for Success
This week Mrs Edwards and I fly to Sydney to receive training around the requirements and strategies behind the Early Action for Success program supporting K-2 numeracy. Already all classroom teachers are participating in the Count Me In Too Online professional learning to update our skills and highlight new numeracy strategies.

Cross Country
The school cross country will be held next Friday (20\textsuperscript{th} March). We will have an early assembly and lunch on this day to give us a longer afternoon for the run. Our best runners (ages 8 or older in 2015) will progress to the Small Schools Cross Country on Monday 30\textsuperscript{th} March in Grafton. For next Friday only the times will be:

- 12:00pm Assembly in the school hall
- 12:40pm Lunch begins
- 1:30pm Lunch Ends and Cross Country begins at McIntosh Oval

Students will run/jog/walk a 1km loop around McIntosh Oval, behind the tennis courts, across the back of the school grounds and then along the school fence line to McIntosh Oval. Staff will be placed at key locations to provide adequate supervision. Students aged younger than 8 only do 1 loop (1km), students turning 8, 9 or 10 this year do 2 loops (2km) and students turning 11, 12 or 13 this year do 3 loops (3km). These distances are in line with the formal distances in competition cross country at higher levels.
Photographs
The school photo envelopes were sent home last week. Our school photos will be taken at school on Thursday 26th March. If you wish to order a family photograph please let us know and we’ll send home a separate family photograph envelope. All photo envelopes with payment sealed inside must be returned to school before the day of the photos.

UNSW Exams
Once again we are offering to hold the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) at our school for interested students. The entry fees for each competition are $8.80 each for Digital Technologies, Science, English and Mathematics. Writing will cost $18.70 and Spelling will cost $12.10. These tests will run through terms 2 and 3 but we will need to register students this term. If you are interested please send in a note with payment to Mrs Simpson in the front office.

Win a Classroom Makeover
The Daily Examiner is running a competition to win your school a $5000 classroom makeover. 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,
Matt Hankinson

Cake Raffle
We thank Haylee’s family who will supply the cake tomorrow. Next Friday (13th March) the family of Jaylah, Patrick and Lockey 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.

Our Writers of the Fortnight
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.

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.

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Dance Camp Grafton
13 - 17 April 2015
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