Dear Parents,

Well done to Lachlan, Bailey and Jaylah who represented our school at the Clarence Cross Country last week. Further congratulations to Bailey (8\textsuperscript{th}) and Lachlan (9\textsuperscript{th}), who were successful in gaining a place in the Clarence Cross Country Team to compete at the Mid North Coast Zone Cross Country in Sawtell on Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} May. A great effort guys!

**NAPLAN**

Today we concluded the NAPLAN tests for students in years 3 and 5. These tests are held nationally and will be sent away to be marked and student data analysed Australia-wide. Student results will be returned to school and sent home to parents towards the end of term 3.

**Daily Examiner – Newspapers in Education**

Our senior journalists in 4/5/6 have been busy researching, writing, photographing, editing and collaborating to design our school page in the weekly school page of the Examiner. The press deadline will be Friday next week and our page will appear in the Daily Examiner on Tuesday 26\textsuperscript{th} May.
ICAS Test – Digital Technologies
Next week we will hold the first of our ICAS tests published by the University of NSW. The first test will be held on Tuesday for those entered.

Responsible Pet Ownership
Today our junior students enjoyed the Responsible Pet Ownership program with presenter Gina and her dog Cruz. Our students learned about being responsible pet owners and how to care for pets and animals.

Cascade Excursion
We wish to remind families with students attending the Cascade Environmental Education Centre that the payment for this excursion must be finalised by the end of May. The full permission note will be sent home with students attending this excursion today and is due back next week.

Assembly
Our school assembly will be held at the regular time of 12:30pm in our hall tomorrow with writers of the fortnight from 4/5/6 and an item from K/1. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Instructional Leader - Numeracy
We have recently completed the selection process for our instructional leader under the Early Action for Success program with the temporary appointment of Ms Leah Fowles. Ms Fowles’ role will be to support classes with a focus on K-2 numeracy. Ms Fowles comes highly recommended with a wealth of experience supporting classes with effective numeracy strategies. Ms Fowles is excited about joining our wonderful school, beginning her position on Monday 25th May. If you would like further information please contact me.
Eisteddfod
Many of our students have been very busy recently practicing verse speaking and dance items in preparation for the Small Schools’ Day of the Grafton Eisteddfod. This day will be held on Tuesday 26th May and a permission note with a copy of the program has been sent home with students involved today. Thank you to Mrs Simpson and Mrs Leach for their work with the dance entry and Mrs Conyard for coordinating the eisteddfod efforts and the verse speaking entries as well. Thank you to all students and staff who have worked so hard getting ready for this competition and have even given up some of their lunch times to practice!

With thanks,
Matt Hankinson

TUCKSHOP ROSTER - for week 4, term 2
Wed: Kellie Perkins & Michelle Pulis
Fri: Narelle & Cherie Carter

P&C Meeting
Our regular P&C meeting was held today. Thank you to parents who were able to come along. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 11th June.

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.

Cake Raffle
We thank the Brotherson family who are supplying the cake tomorrow. Next week on Friday 22nd May the cake will be supplied by the family of Ava Cable. 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.
Toolbox – A Parenting Festival
The Clarence Valley Council is presenting Toolbox – A Parenting Festival with 27 events in the Clarence Valley from 31st May to 18th June. Special guests include Steve Biddulph, Garry King, Susan McLean and Geoff Munroe. We have received a 12-page booklet about the festival, if you wish to have a look. Further information may also be found at www.clarence.nsw.gov.au/parentingfestival.

**Is dried fruit OK for Crunch&Sip?**
Although fresh fruit is the best choice, a small amount of dried fruit (eg sultanas or apricots) is an acceptable Crunch&Sip option.
Dried fruit tends to cling to the teeth, so is best eaten with a meal or when a toothbrush is handy.
NOTE fruit straps, bars or rolls are NOT permitted as they contain large amounts of sugar.

**Fruit Salad... Yummy Yummy!**
Fruit salad is a great idea for Crunch&Sip, full of colour, flavour and nutrients.
Why not chop up your child’s favourite fruit and pop it into a sealable container. Don’t forget a fork!

**5 reasons to pack a mandarin for Crunch&Sip**
1. They are sweet and juicy. Kids love them!
2. They are nutritious - full of vitamins and fibre
3. They come in their own biodegradable packaging
4. They don’t bruise easily
5. They are a perfect size for kids to eat during Crunch&Sip

**4 reasons to send snow peas for Crunch&Sip**
1. Kids love their crunchy texture and sweet flavour
2. They are a source of iron, protein and potassium
3. They don’t bruise easily
4. They make an exciting change for Crunch&Sip