Dear Parents,

Welcome back a new school term. This term will be very busy with our school musical a major focus for the first half of this term. In addition we recognise and celebrate NAIDOC Week (from the holidays), Education Week and the Small Schools Big Impact concert. Our senior students have the opportunity to compete in Dudley Jones Tennis and participate in croquet on Fridays. On top of this, our students will shortly be involved with individual eisteddfod entries and the Clarence Small Schools Athletics!

**Pinocchio**

Our whole school musical, Pinocchio will be held in the South Grafton High School Hall on Thursday 13th August in the evening. This is a major focus in our school creative arts program with students involved with drama, dance, singing and speech. All students are involved in the musical and with less than a month to go, practices will become more frequent. Our cast should be at the stage where they are ready to put down their scripts and have their lines memorised. Thank you to Tanya for her continued efforts with props and costumes. Thanks also to Nicole for her help during cast rehearsals.

Please reserve this evening for a wonderful night’s performance.

**Cinderella – Opera for Children**

Today a large portion of our students went to see Cinderella. This was a children’s opera performed at the Saraton Theatre in Grafton. The school was able to subsidise the cost of this performance for our students. Reports from students and staff returning from the show say that it was an enjoyable show.
Small School Athletics
Next Thursday our students who performed well at our athletic carnival will travel to Junction Hill to compete against other local small schools. Mr Attwater will be sending a note home with all students who have qualified to go to this carnival. It is open for all running events K-6 and field events for qualifying students aged 8 or older. Please note that the discus event will not be held at this carnival but the best distances from each school will be compared to decide on who will progress to the Clarence Carnival. Please return your permission notes as soon as possible. There will also be a separate lunch order section from the school running the canteen at the small schools carnival.

Coutts Café
At the end of last term our students voted amongst the suggested names for our healthy cooking program for students. Coutts Café was the eventual winner. Classes should have an opportunity to participate in their first cooking session towards the end of this term. We will also be able to use some produce from our newly established gardens in future lessons as well.

Individual Eisteddfod
The speech and drama day for individual entries at the Grafton Eisteddfod will be held on Friday 7th August at the Salvation Army Hall in Grafton. Mrs Conyard is coordinating our school entries and has handed out entry forms to interested students. If your child missed out, please ask Mrs Conyard for a copy of the form. Entry forms must be returned by Friday, 17th July so we can submit the entries for our students competing. We encourage all students who are interested to have a go!
Education Week Concert
Week three of this term is Education Week. Our school will be offering open classrooms for parents to visit during the morning session until the start of our Education Week Concert at 10:30am in our hall. Following this concert parents are invited to stay for a morning tea organised by our dedicated P&C Committee. Please feel very welcome to come along!

Assembly
Well done to all our award winners from the last assembly of term two. Congratulations done to Chelsea who read her story as the Writer of the Fortnight from 4/5/6. Congratulations to our merit card winners Liela, Riley N, Liam, Claire B, Caitlyn, Sonny, Madiline, Claire S, Macklin, Tanisha, Monique F, James C and Lachlan. Well done everyone!

Croquet
Our senior class will be starting croquet from next Friday. This will begin with half of the class starting croquet until mid-term and the second half will start at that time. Students must ensure they wear their hats!

Hats
From next week we will trial a new strategy for students who do not wear hats at school. Students will be required to play under the large COLA area during break times. This strategy is part of being a Sun Safe School.

Dates for the Calendar
23rd July     Small School Athletics
29th July     Clarence Discus Event
30th July     Education Week Concert and open day
31st July     Clarence Athletics Carnival
7th August    Grafton Eisteddfod – Speech and Drama
12th August   Whole school rehearsal of Pinocchio at SGHS
13th August   Evening Performance of Pinocchio
18th August   Vietnam Veteran’s March 4:30pm
25th August   Book Week
26th August   Small Schools Big Impact evening concert
Socks
If you have any clean odd socks, please consider donating them to school to be used as white board cleaners. They can even have holes in them!

With thanks,
Matt Hankinson

TUCKSHOP ROSTER - for Week 1, Term 3
Wed: Kellie Perkins & Karen Gilbert
Fri: Jess Horstman & Tracy Hunt

We require more volunteers to work in our canteen. If you are able to help out on canteen days, please contact the school on 6649 3225 or Jess Horstman on 0478 229 276. Thank you!
The canteen has stopped selling LOL carbonated fruit drinks. These drinks will no longer be included on the menu.

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
The cake raffle will resume next Friday, 24th July and the cake will be supplied by Eveleigh family. We thank the parents for their support with this P&C fundraiser and it will resume Week 2 next Term. Please note, any family who does not wish to be included on this roster please phone the office.

Coutts Cougars News

As you all know this year is the coutts cougars 25th year. What an achievement! We are looking for a logo to be printed on our 25th anniversary shirts. We are holding a little competition to see who can come up with the winning logo. It must contain a cougar, 25 years, and obviously soccer related. Get you design skills on and lets see what you can come up with. Open to all ages. Designs to be submitted by Thursday 30th july. Call or message tracey on 0438655548 if you have a design to submit. Thanks......Go cougars!!