Dear Parents,

Thank you for everyone’s support of our Education Week activities. Hopefully everyone got a nice taste of the characters and acts from our school musical next Thursday evening (13th August).

We will be travelling to rehearse in the South Grafton High School Hall on Wednesday. As a result we have sent home permission notes and information about our whole-school musical. The bus transport is free, but all we need is a signature. We also wish to confirm that all our students will be able to join us for our evening performance on Thursday. Excited!

Eisteddfod
Good luck and best wishes to all the students who will be performing at the speech and drama day at the Grafton Eisteddfod tomorrow (7th August) at the Salvation Army Hall in Grafton. Mrs Conyard will be at the hall to support our students competing. There is a small entry cost at the hall on the day for audience members. Enjoy the day!

Athletics
Well done to our athletes Brenden, Emily, Lachlan, Jaylah and Jess who went to the Clarence District PSSA Athletics Carnival on Friday! All students performed well. Both Emily and Jess have performed well enough to progress to the Mid North Coast Zone PSSA Athletics carnival to be held in Coffs Harbour on Friday 14th August. Emily qualified for the 200m race and Jess qualified for both her 100m and 200m races. Wonderful results!

PINOCCHIO: Whole School Musical
South Grafton High School Hall
6:30pm on Thursday 13th August
$5 per person or $15 for a family
Performers and pre-schoolers will not need to pay.
P&C Meeting
Thanks to everyone who came along to our P&C Meeting today. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd September at 9:30am.

Canteen
There will be **no canteen next Wednesday** due to the whole school rehearsal of Pinocchio. Instead canteen will be open next Thursday as well as our usual Friday canteen.

Vietnam Veterans’ March
On Tuesday 18th August our students have been invited to march in the Vietnam Veterans’ March along Prince Street from Market Square to Memorial Park by the river. Students will then attend a short ceremony to commemorate the efforts of these brave Australians. At the ceremony our captains will lay a wreath on behalf of our school. Please support this important civic event. The march will begin at 4:30pm from Market Square, so students should meet teachers there by 4:20pm.

Jeans for Genes
Tomorrow is the official Jeans for Genes Day. Thank you to students who have supported this fundraiser during the week. Jeans for Genes raises money to assist the Children's Medical Research Institute's fight against childhood genetic disease. If you wish to support this charity you can wear jeans tomorrow and donate a gold coin towards this cause.

Next Week’s Newsletter
Our newsletter will come home on Friday next week, so that we can include some images and news from Pinocchio on Thursday evening!

Earn and Learn at Woolies
Our school has registered with the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program again this year. If you shop at Woolworths and wish to collect the stickers for our school, these stickers would be very welcome and may be handed in at our office or popped in the collection box for our school at the front of Woolworths.
Travelling Science Lessons
On Thursday our senior class will be visited by Ms Brennan from South Grafton High School who will be running travelling science lessons in the lead up to National Science Week (15-22 August). Then on the 19th August, our students in fifth and sixth grades will be travelling in to the Science Fair held by SGHS. The 2015 theme for National Science Week is 'Making waves – the science of light'. This is another free activity for our students. What a great opportunity!

Dates for the Calendar
7th August  Grafton Eisteddfod – Speech and Drama
7th August  Jeans for Genes Day
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
5th Sept    Coutts Crossing Race Day
18th Sept   Talk Like a Pirate Day

Socks - HELP!
We are still in desperate need of socks as whiteboard erasers. If you have any clean, odd socks, it would be much appreciated if they could be sent in.

Health Care Plans
We are currently in the process of updating student health care plans. If your child has a serious health condition or allergy, can you please contact the school to inform us of the details? Our records are often only as current as the time of student enrolment.

With thanks,
Matt Hankinson

TUCKSHOP ROSTER  - for Week 4, Term 3
Thurs:     Kellie Perkins
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
Thank you to the family of Brenden & Kirsten Hayes who are supplying the cake tomorrow. Next Friday, 14th August the cake will be supplied by the Horstman family. 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.**

Coutts Crossing Tennis Club
The next competition commences on Monday, 31st August. Names need to be in by Saturday, 15th August to Cathy Danaher on 6649 3930.

Coutts Crossing Race Day
This annual Race Day will be held on Saturday, 5th September with the Calcutta on Friday evening at 8.00 pm at Coutts Tavern. Further information will be sent home later.