Dear Parents,

Welcome back for the start of the new school year. Welcome also to our new students and their families and our new kindergarten children who will begin on Monday. We are looking forward to working as partners in the education of your children.

Class Structures
Welcome to Miss Lentfer who has recently joined our staff. The class structure for 2015 will be Mrs Conyard on K/1, Miss Lentfer on 2/3 and Mr Attwater on 4/5/6. On Tuesdays students will attend the school library with Mrs Coleman and may borrow books. Mrs Fowles is working as an instructional leader to support K/1 and 2/3 with numeracy this year due to additional funding under the Early Action for Success program.

We will hold an information night for parents to meet our staff and hear about school programs and visit classrooms on Tuesday 9th February at 6pm. Parents are invited to come along and meet your child’s teacher.

School Leaders Induction Assembly
Last year James C and Jess were elected as our school captains for 2016. Tomorrow our students in years 1-6 will meet to elect their house captains for 2016. Mrs Coleman will also select two library monitors next week. With all these new positions, we will be holding a School Leaders Induction Ceremony on Friday 5th February at
12:30pm. We would like to invite our parents and our school community to come along to this ceremony, especially parents of school captains, house captains and library monitors, to formally pin the badge on their child’s uniform as part of the induction. Congratulations to all our school leaders for 2016.

Our regular assemblies will begin on Friday 19th February at 12:30pm. These assemblies are held every second Friday.

Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival
At the end of last term, our school held a swimming carnival and fun day. This allowed us to form our swimming team for the Clarence Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival on Friday 12th February. Students involved will receive a separate note next week to attend this carnival. If any of our new students (aged 8 or older in 2016) are competitive 50m swimmers, please chat with Mr Attwater or Mr Hankinson. We may be able to get you a chance to swim at this carnival for our school. Due to limited numbers in different age groups we only have a senior boys relay team competing at the carnival.

Canteen
Our school canteen runs each Wednesday and Friday. Canteen will begin next week. If you are interested in helping out in our school canteen, please contact Noeline in the school office. Please remember not to send any orders in tomorrow.

Cake Raffle
The weekly cake raffle will continue this year and will commence next week on Friday, 5th February. The cake will be supplied by the family of Olivia and Charlotte Williams. We thank the parents for their support of this fundraiser. Students may purchase cake raffle tickets for 20 cents on Fridays (no more than $1) for a chance to win the weekly cake raffle.

P&C Meeting 2016
Our next scheduled P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday (16th February 2016) at 9:30am and will be the Annual General Meeting for 2016. I would encourage as many parents as possible to attend this meeting and support our school.
School Hats
We are continuing to emphasise that students **wear school hats in the playground**. The daily hat draw will continue to encourage this and students will need to be wearing a school hat to play in the sun. To support sun safe practices students should not wear peaked caps but are encouraged to wear school broadbrim or bucket hats to protect face, neck and ears from sun damage. School sunglasses are also available at the school office if you are interested.

Library
Library is held each Tuesday for classes. Students should remember to bring their library bags to protect any books they borrow.

Dates for the Calendar

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*As we become aware of more dates, we will publish them in our newsletter.*

With thanks,
*Matt Hankinson*
Principal

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Physie is for girls 3 years to Ladies. Physie is a sport that fuses dance styles such as jazz, ballet, hip hop, contemporary, aerobic dance and even yoga! Our innovative choreography changes annually and is designed for maximum variety and fun. Classes are held Tuesdays at the Grafton Public School Hall.
Registration Day: Thursday 4th Feb 2016
Venue: Grafton Primary School Hall Bacon St
Time: 4pm to 6pm
Classes commence Tuesday 9th Feb
For further information visit our website www.graftonphysie.com or call Justine on 0431 470 552 or email graftonphysie@bigpond.com.

BMX Information
Are you looking for a family friendly action sport?
On Sunday February 6 we will be hosting our annual National Sign On Day! This is your chance to join our club and one of Australia’s fastest growing sports! BMX is for everyone, from two-year-olds on mini-wheelers right through to 60+ veterans, we all ride BMX!

National Sign On Day is designed for YOU to come along and try out our exciting sport, free of charge! It’s a fun and exciting day that includes BMX riding, coaching and games.

If you enjoy the day (and we hope you do!), you can sign up with our club and join the BMX Australia family! So what have you got to lose?
Join us at the track! The Clarence Valley BMX Club’s race track located at the corner of Abbott and Vere Streets in South Grafton.

An information sheet is available at the school office if you’re interested.

Our newsletter is published each Thursday. Enjoy your week!