



Newsletter

CALENDAR DATES

WEEK 3 TERM 4

27 OCTOBER 2016

3 NOVEMBER

Jacaranda Thursday
Half day Public Holiday
School closes at 12 noon.

9 NOVEMBER

Grandparents Day
Morning Tea.

15 NOVEMBER

Excursion K-1
Jungle Gym—Grafton

16 NOVEMBER

Northern NSW Local
Health - Healthy Eating
presentation for parents.

22 NOVEMBER

Kim Toft Visit

23 NOVEMBER

Big River Film Festival
Grafton
K-2 River Excursion

25 NOVEMBER

2017 Captains speeches
Sandy Bay Excursion

1 DECEMBER

End of Year Presentation
Night

2 DECEMBER

Responsible Pet Owner-
ship—K-2

16 DECEMBER

Last day of Term 4



Congratulations to last week's award recipients.

JUNGLE GYM EXCURSION K-1

K-1 will be travelling in to Grafton on Tuesday 15 November 2016. A fun filled day is planned with lots of exciting activities. Students will travel by bus which will leave at 9am from the school. The cost of this excursion is subsidised by the P & C and the school which has greatly reduced to cost to families. Included in the cost of \$10 per student is transport, entry to the venue and a meal deal. Please complete the attached permission note and return with payment by 8 November 2016.

BIG RIVER FILM FESTIVAL

The Big River Film Festival is on Wednesday 23 November 2016. Years 4-6 students will travel to South Grafton High School by bus. The Festival begins at 10:30am and parents are welcome to attend. A \$2 entry fee is payable at the

door. (students do not have to pay the entry fee). The bus has been subsidised by the school to reduce the cost to \$5 per student. Students are to bring recess and lunch. Please complete the attached permission note and return with payment by 11th November. Only students who return their notes and money by this date will be able to attend.

JACARANDA THURSDAY

Jacaranda Thursday is on 3 November 2016. The school will be closing at 12 noon. The school bus will take students home at 12 noon. We understand some parents may wish to keep their children at home in order to attend celebrations in Grafton. If your child will not be attending school on this day, please complete the attached form so that our attendance records can be updated.

KINDERGARTEN 2017 INFORMATION

MORNING

We are planning a Parent Information session on 16 November 2016 to coincide with our healthy eating presentation on the same day. Parents will be given their enrolment packages which will include paperwork that needs to be completed and returned to the school before the end of term. If you require further information, please contact the school by phone or e-mail.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Our Grandparents Day morning tea is on 9 November 2016. This is a great opportunity for grandparents to visit our school. The morning will begin at 11am with the students providing entertainment for our guests. There will be an opportunity to walk around our beautiful garden and purchase plants from our plant sale. Families have been asked to contribute a slice/cake for the morning tea. Please complete the attached note to indicate that you will be attending and that you are able to make a slice/cake to share.

HEALTHY EATING PRESENTATION

On Wednesday 16 November 2016, at 9am, Kate Collins, the Health Promotions Officer with the Northern NSW Local Health District will visit our school. Kate will give a presentation on healthy eating focusing on healthy lunchbox ideas for our children. All parents are welcome to attend. Morning tea will be provided.

FRIDAY LUNCHES

Thank you to parents who have volunteered their time to serve Friday Lunches this term. A roster is listed on this newsletter. Next week we will be having a Sausage sizzle with onion and sauce. If your child would like to order. Please return the attached order form with payment by next Tuesday.

INSTALLATION OF PLATFORM TO EXTEND SCHOOL DECK.

We are in the process of organising to have a platform constructed extending our deck area to accommodate our school performances and presentations. We are asking for any builders in our community who would like to submit a quote for this construction to get in contact with Mrs Parnell as soon as possible. We are keen to get the project underway as soon as we can.



Jago and Logan enjoy a 'Place Value Game' to enhance their understanding of the Numeracy concept.



K-1 enjoy a game of 'Cat and Mouse' with the students transitioning to Kindergarten.

YEARS 4-6 EXCURSION TO THE GORGE

What an amazing trip we had on our overnight excursion to The Gorge. Everyone had a fantastic time, the weather was perfect.

Apart from Copmanhurst, Wooli is the only other school group to be invited up to the Winter's property to camp overnight. Set on over 8000 acres the property has been in the Winter's family for over 125 years with 10kms of river frontage. The homestead was originally located on land in the old Gerrads Centre in Grafton. This is now where Chemist Warehouse is located. It was very interesting to listen and learn about the history of the property.

We enjoyed real country food cooked in the camp oven and the stew was amazing. There were rumours that dinner was Road Kill Stew.....

We would like to thank Mr Patterson, Principal of Copmanhurst for the invitation and Mr and Mrs Winters for welcoming us onto their property and sharing their stories with us. Everyone made new friends and we are looking forward to our next adventure.

Mrs Hummelstad.



The Gorge 2016

"My favourite part of our excursion was the 7 km walk up to The Gorge and finding gold in a rock by the river", Sava.

"The rocks were so slippery and people fell in the river", Regan.

"I enjoyed building the dams on the edge of the river", Henna.

"Grass-boarding was my favourite part of the trip", Teak.

"The bus trip was my favourite part", Kaiden.

"I enjoyed the walk because I got to see different scenery. I liked the waterfall the best", Shakayla.

"I will just remember how many cows there were", Sandi.

"I will remember how the cows ate a towel and a bag", Ethan. S.

"I will remember how I was falling over rocks all the time and seeing friends from Copmanhurst", Mia.

"I will remember this camp for a long time", Zac.

"I enjoyed learning about the history of the family property", Tamsyn.

"You could actually taste the road in the Road Kill Stew and that talk with Mr Winters", Ethan L.

"The funniest thing on camp was coming back from our walk and finding the cows had eaten my towel", Navrin.

FRIDAY LUNCHES

ROSTER

4 NOVEMBER

Leanne / Ron Plowman

11 NOVEMBER

HELPER NEEDED

18 NOVEMBER

Nicole Gall

25 NOVEMBER

Alison Biby

2 DECEMBER

Ange Skennar

9 DECEMBER

HELPER NEEDED

BIG RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS film festival

You are invited to attend a morning of spectacular short films produced by primary school children from

Public Schools in the Clarence Valley (and beyond)

Wednesday 23 November 2016

10.30am

South Grafton High School Hall

\$2 entry payable at the door

The festival will feature short films
including the genres of
mystery, comedy, drama, satire and adventure!!

Come along and see for yourself how Public
Schools in the Clarence Valley are using
innovative media studies as an integral part of the curriculum.

KIM MICHELLE TOFT TO VISIT OUR SCHOOL

Kim Toft will be visiting our school on Tuesday 22 November 2016. Kim Michelle Toft is a full time marine artist, author, illustrator and publisher of environmental children's books depicting vibrant underwater worlds hand painted on silk. A small proportion of Kim's experience is:

- 5 years teaching in Far North Queensland.
- 5 years graphic designer in Adelaide, South Australia.
- 25 years full time silk artist/illustrator and author in Northern NSW.
- Her first four children's books - One Less Fish, Neptune's Nursery, Turtle's Song and The World That We Want - selling more than 100,000 copies in Australia, USA, New Zealand, South Africa, and South Korea. All four books have received international and national awards. Publisher: QUP

Kim will be giving a whole school presentation in the morning centred around her books and a silk painting demonstration, then she will be doing an art session with the senior students. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to meet such an accomplished artist. Students 4-6 will be asked to contribute \$5 per student to be paid by 15/11/16. This money will be used to pay for art supplies provided so that students can produce an individual silk art work.

