



Newsletter

WEEK 1 TERM 3

21 JULY 2016

CALENDAR DATES

28 JULY

South High Yr 6
Transition visit
11:30am

29 JULY

District Athletics
Carnival
Junction Hill

12 AUGUST

Rescue Day
Red & Yellow Mufti
Day

19-21 SEPTEMBER

Excursion to Lake Ains-
worth for 2-3 Class

23 SEPTEMBER

Last day of Term 3

10 OCTOBER

Students return Term
4

16 DECEMBER

Last day of Term 4

ALL SMILES AT THE SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the new term. We hope everyone had an enjoyable break. We have had a couple of new enrolments with the return of Teak and Rada Turnbull who have moved back to Wooli. Teak is in Yr 4 and Radha in Yr 3. Welcome back into our community.

SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Well done to all competitors at the Small Schools Athletics Carnival at Junction Hill yesterday. Everyone showed great sportsmanship on the day and it was great to see everyone trying their best.

The next carnival is the Clarence

District Carnival on Friday 29th July at Junction Hill. Transport to this carnival will be via private transport. All students who received a white note (from Junction Hill carnival) and students who are nominated for discus are eligible to compete at this carnival.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

There has been some confusion on what is considered an acceptable reason for absence from school. Even though you may have given an explanation for your child's absence it may not be seen as a justified reason, thus this absence may be marked as unjustified on your child's roll. Attached is a brochure outlining the Department of Education's policy on attendance. If you have any further questions, contact the school and we can arrange for you to discuss the issue with Mrs Parnell.

Term 3 Science In Action

MISS TELFORD'S NEWS

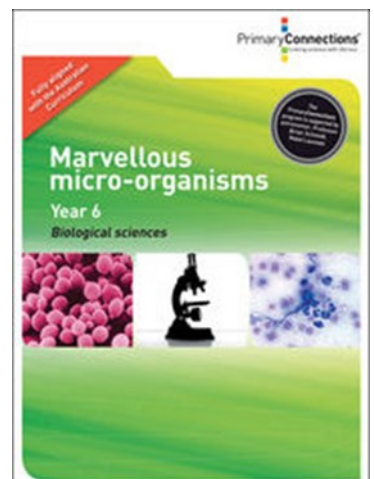
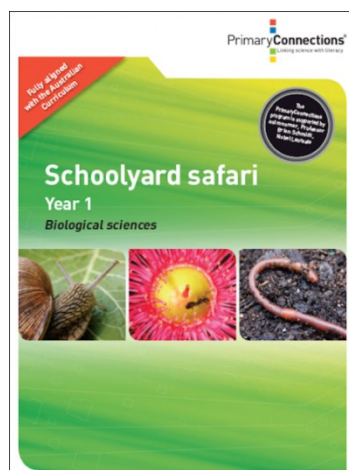
This term I will be responsible for Science units across all 3 classes. 2/3 do Science with me on Tuesdays between 2-3pm, 4/5/6 on Thursday between 9-11am and K/1 on Thursday between 12-1pm. This term, for consistency, and also to align with the new Australian Curriculum, the sub-strand across the school will be Biological Sciences. This essentially means all students will be learning about living things. The K/1 class will be doing a unit called, "Schoolyard safari", 2/3 will be doing a unit titled, "Feathers, fur or leaves?" and 4/5/6 will be doing a unit "Marvellous micro-organisms". All 3 units provide multiple opportunities for hands-on learning experiences, aimed at harnessing the instinctive curiosities young children have for the natural world.

K/1 will have ample opportunities when doing "Schoolyard safari" to explore outside looking for and discussing the features of small animals found in the schoolyard environment, cementing their idea of what an animal is, what habitats they live and thrive in and furthermore learning animal ethics and "codes for caring" when observing and handling vulnerable creatures such as earthworms, ants and snails.

2/3 will also be looking at living things in "Feathers, fur or leaves?" but will be expanding their search to include plants and non-living objects as well as animals and learning how to classify and group these specimens.

4/5/6 will be delving much further into the Biological Sciences sub-strand in "Marvellous micro-organisms" by learning about yeast and mould through doing experiments with bread. They will be learning about the growth and survival of yeast and what it is used for, and also how mould is grown and how it can both be harmful or helpful (e.g. penicillin used to treat infections).

If you are interested in finding out further information about these units, have a look on the website <https://primaryconnections.org.au/>. I am looking forward to a great term and will be taking photographs throughout the Science lessons to keep parents updated on progress.





ATHLETICS ACTION



Tantrum Toolbox

Thursday 28th July
9.30am - 12.30pm

CRANES' Pullen Centre
3-7 Prince St, Grafton

Parents are provided with information about the causes of tantrums as well as tips and strategies on how to manage them

More courses are planned for the outer Grafton and Coffs Harbour regions and will be announced soon



Who's in Charge?

4 Consecutive weeks

Thursdays 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th August
Evenings 6.30pm - 8.30pm

CRANES' Pullen Centre
Prince St, Grafton
(sorry no childcare available)

Wednesdays 24th, 31st August & 7th, 14th September
9.30am - 12.30pm

Cavanbah Centre
191 Harbour Dr, Coffs Harbour

For parents of teens or pre-teens who have behaviour that is aggressive and out of control.

Life with a Blended Family

Tuesday 23rd August
9.30am-12.30pm

CRANES' Pullen Centre
3-7 Prince St, Grafton

Thursday 15th September
Evening 6.30pm - 8.30pm

CRANES' Pullen Centre
3-7 Prince St, Grafton
(limited childcare places available)

This 1 day workshop provides tips of how to manage the complexity of step-parenting, shared parenting arrangements and communicating with a reluctant child

Understanding Aggression in Kids

Tuesday 16th August
9.30am - 12.30pm

CRANES' Pullen Centre
3-7 Prince St, Grafton

Learn what causes aggression and ways parents can help their child take control of their aggression

Bringing Up Great Kids

6 Consecutive weeks

Wednesdays 27th July and 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st August
9.30am - 12.30pm

CRANES' Pullen Centre
3-7 Prince St, Grafton

Thursdays 18th, 25th August and 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd September
9.30am - 12.30pm

Maclean
Venue to be advised

A comprehensive program for parents covering, age development, communication, understanding behaviours, stress, rules and consequences and more.
More details visit <http://www.childhood.org.au>

The Teenage Brainstorm

Tuesday 9th August

Evening 6.30pm - 8.30pm

CRANES' Pullen Centre
3-7 Prince St, Grafton

(sorry no childcare available)

This 1 day workshop focuses on the changing adolescent brain and how it affects behaviour

Keep Calm and Communicate

Fridays 2nd & 9th September
9.30am-12.30pm

CRANES' Pullen Centre
3-7 Prince St, Grafton

This 2 day workshop helps parents with strategies for de-stressing and keeping cool under pressure. Learn techniques for communicating effectively with a child in the different ages of development



Free Come and Try BMX & Sign-on Day

Saturday the 23rd July 2016

Two Free coaching and training Sessions to choose from **9.30 am to 11am** or **12pm to 1.30pm** for new riders to gain basic bike skills and confidence to ride on the BMX track.

This will be a great opportunity for anyone who is interested in finding out more information about BMX racing as a sport. Riders of all ages from 2 years up can join in the fun and have a ride around the BMX track.

BMX is not just for the boys - the number of girls riding and racing BMX bikes is on the increase throughout Australia. The great thing about BMX as a sport is that the whole family can get involved, and all the family can do the same sport at the one place and time. Riders and spectators will experience the thrills and excitement of this family orientated sport.

Bring along a **good working order bike** (Bike size can be from a 16 inch BMX to 26 inch mountain bike or strider balance bikes for the very young) and **safety gear** - bike helmet (preferred full face) long pants and long sleeve shirt, shoes and socks that cover the ankle, gloves (any type will do).

If you do not have some of the safety gear, ask at the canteen on the day as we do have a limited number of helmets and gloves to loan out.

The club will have someone on hand to checkout your bike and help with making it safe to ride.

Stay around after the last session and join in our AGM and GM to find out what is happening in the club.

Tell all your friends and your parents.

The Clarence Valley BMX Club's race track located at the corner of Abbott and Vere Streets in South Grafton.

More information is available at the Clarence Valley BMX Club's website and updates on the Clarence Valley BMX Club facebook page or call Club Secretary Taya on 0451 456 150.