



Newsletter

CALENDAR DATES

WEEK 3 TERM 1

9 FEBRUARY 2017

10 FEBRUARY

Assembly 9:00am

16 FEBRUARY

Small Schools
Swimming Carnival

21 FEBRUARY

Mobile Library Day

24 FEBRUARY

Grafton District
Swimming Carnival

2 MARCH

MNC Swimming
Carnival

7 MARCH

Mobile Library Day

21 MARCH

Term 1 Presentation

SMALL SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Notes and fees are due back at school tomorrow for our swimming carnival next week. Congratulations to the students selected to compete at this carnival. We know you will do your best in representing our school. Participation in school activities is an important part of student development. It is not the winning that is important, it is participation and taking pride in representing your school in a supportive team environment.

EMERGENCY CONTACT SHEET AND GENERAL PERMISSION FORMS

Attached to last week's newsletter were important forms that need to be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible. The Emergency contact form is kept in a folder for quick access to student contact details and needs to be completed for each child. If you change any of your details during the

year, please make sure to let us know so that we can keep our records current.

SCRIPTURE CLASSES START 17/2/17

Scripture classes will begin again on Friday 17/2/17. They will continue fortnightly during the term. All students will attend these classes unless we have a request in writing from parents asking for their child to be excluded. This is required each year. So even if your child was excluded last year you will need to send in a note for this year. Thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM

The school banking program is up and running again. Students who already have a Dollamites Account with the Commonwealth Bank can bring their banking to school each Wednesday. A package is attached to the newsletter outlining this year's program and the rewards on offer. If you would like to open an account for your child, you can open one online if you are a customer of Commonwealth Bank or you can open an account at any branch.

Congratulations to our award recipients who received their certificates last Friday at morning assembly.



SCHOOL SWIMMING CHAMPIONS FOR 2017

This year's swimming champions will be announced at our school assembly tomorrow morning at 9 am. Everyone welcome.

Our school champions are chosen from the first carnival each year. This year we have decided to do this a little differently. Instead of having junior, 11 years and senior champions, we have decided to have age champions. This means that there will be 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 years girl and boy champions.

Please note that if your child progresses to the next carnival they then will compete as juniors (8,9,10 years) , 11 years and seniors (12+ years).

Well done to everyone who competed at our swimming carnival!

FRIDAY LUNCHES

Friday lunches is up and running again next week. Thank you to Gabe's mum Sonya who volunteered for our first Friday. We will be having Chicken & Veggie Curry with rice. I have attached a list of dates for the term for anyone who can help volunteer their time. Please complete the notice circling the date that best suits you and what you would like to make. A roster will be made up and displayed each week in the newsletter.

EMERGENCY CONTACT & PERMISSION FORMS

Thank you to those families who have returned the Emergency Contact, Permission to Publish and General Permission forms that were sent home last week. If you haven't already returned your forms please do so as soon as possible so that our records can be updated and your child can participate in local excursions.

Years 5 & 6 News

Students have been busy creating stories in class as we begin writing imaginative texts. Students are developing skills using imagery to plan their characters and settings. In maths we have focused on place value, expanded notation and portioning this week. We have begun our history unit Images of War which links in the use of imagery in student writing, our choir song and ANZAC Day for 2017.

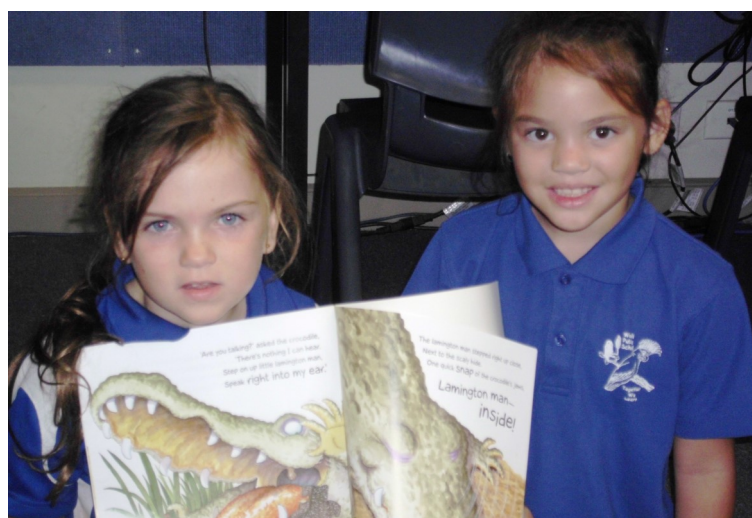
We have had a wonderful start to the year. Everyone is focused and having fun learning new stage 3 concepts in class.



GARDENING

Last Friday 5/6 had their first gardening session for the year with Nick. At the moment it is all about preparing the garden beds for the season ahead. In the lesson the class learnt about how to successfully transplant plants and what a 'tap root' was. The students got their hands dirty raking up pine needles, mulching, weeding, planting seeds and fertilising.

If any families have spare plastic pots that they would be willing to donate to the garden program it would very much be appreciated.



K-2 Buddy Reading





Clarence Valley Conservatorium

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Instrument Zoo

Saturday February 11

10:00am - 12:00pm

CVCon invites parents and students to come along to a special kind of zoo at the Conservatorium - an Instrument Zoo where the exhibitions are musical instruments.

Parents and budding musicians will have the opportunity to try out all the instruments you can learn at the Conservatorium, guided by Clarence Valley Conservatorium teachers.



COME & SIGN UP WITH THE REBELS IN 2017!

All players are WELCOME, U7's to U16's

WHERE: Grafton Shopping World
New players just bring a copy of your Birth Certificate.

WHEN: Saturday 4th & 11th February
9am to 1pm

FEES: \$90 per player
Includes a Rebel Club Polo courtesy of GJ Gardner Homes.
New players receive shorts and socks.

TRAINING STARTS: Thursday 2nd March,
at JJ Lawrence South Grafton at 4:00 pm
then every Tuesday and Thursday TBA.

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SIGN ON ANY TRAINING DAY!

in2 CRICKET
MILO

**GET in2 FUN
GET in2 CRICKET**

MILO in2CRICKET introduces girls and boys, aged 5 - 8, to Australia's favourite sport. It's great fun, kids learn the basic cricket skills and is available for kids of all abilities.

All kids receive a **BONUS PLAYERS PACK** when they register!

Join in the cricketing fun!
Milo Cricket starts 11/2/17 from 9-10:30am
@ Lower Fisher Park, Grafton
Cost is \$75 for the 8 week program
Contact Janet on 0427422243 for more info!
or email crjca2005@gmail.com

Visit PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU/IN2CRICKET to find out more

play cricket

Netball Sign On Days - for all ages 5 years and up

Grafton Netball Association will be holding two sign on days on **Saturday February 25th & March 4th 2017, 12:00 - 2:00pm**, at the netball courts in Bacon St. Delegates from all clubs will be present. We welcome players of all ages and abilities to play. So put a team together and register or come along as an individual and we will help you find a team. It is a fun way to meet people and exercise at the same time. Remember netball is played at the same venue each Saturday of the school term. Season commences on March 18th with a grading game.

NetSetGo - for 5-8 year olds

Suncorp NetSetGO is Netball Australia's only junior entry netball program. It has been developed to provide children from 5 - 8 years with the best possible learning and playing experience to develop a positive introduction to netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation. The program incorporates skill activities, minor games, music, dance and modified competition in a fun and safe environment. The weekly program is coordinated by accredited coaches to ensure a quality experience for all participants. If you are interested in signing up or want to ask any questions, come along to our sign on days Saturday February 25th & March 4th 2017 12:00 - 2:00pm, at the netball courts in Bacon St. Suncorp NetSetGo is played on Saturday's at the Grafton Netball courts during the school term com-