Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to Term 4. This is another very busy term, with learn to swim lessons, a disco, fundraising and end of year activities. I will be attending the State Principal’s Conference next week. Mr Hill will be available if you have any concerns while I’m away.

Mufti Day—Leukaemia Foundation

We will be holding a Mufti day next Friday, 23 October, to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation. Students that wear mufti are asked to bring a gold coin donation and are reminded that mufti clothes must be sun safe and closed in shoes must be worn.

Year 6 Iceblocks

Year 6 will be selling iceblocks at lunchtime on Wednesdays and Fridays this term. A range of iceblocks will be available at $1.50 each with Zooper Doopers being 30c for a half and 60c for a full one. All money raised goes towards the Year 6 end of year activities.

MHS Orientation Workshop

Next Wednesday 21 October, students in Year 6 will be travelling by bus to Maclean High School for the final orientation day. Students will be involved in workshops at the high school and will receive a sausage sandwich and popper. Cost of the bus is subsided by the high school and each student must pay $4.00. Permission notes were sent home recently and need to be returned with payment by Tuesday 20 October 2015. MHS will also be holding an information session on the Chrome Class. Information is attached.

GHS Taster Day

Students planning to attend Grafton High School in 2016 are to attend a Taster lesson day next Wednesday 21 October. Students should arrive at GHS by 9:05am and meet outside the front office and can be collected at 3:15pm. Recess and lunch will be supplied; however, students are welcome to bring more or purchase more food from the school canteen. A permission note has been given to students today.

Kindy Orientation

The dates for Kindergarten orientation are Friday 30 October, 6 November and 13 November. Times are yet to be finalised. If you know of anyone that may have a child starting kindy next year, please ask them to contact Debbie in the office ASAP so invitations can be sent.

Learn to swim program

The School Learn to Swim lessons will be held at Grafton Pool from 16 November to 27 November 2015 inclusive. Students in Years 2 to 6, that identified as being unable to swim a full length of the Olympic pool received an Expression of Interest note, last week. If your child did not bring a note home and you would like one, please contact Debbie in the office. The cost for the Learn to Swim lessons and bus travel is $60.00, this needs to be paid by 2 November 2015. If you would experience difficulty paying by this date, again, please contact Debbie.

Tournament of the Times

The Tournament of the Times will be held in Week 3. We wish Kasey and Mackenna the best of luck as they compete against other local schools for the championship.

Meeting—Yr 4/5 parents

A note was sent home with Years 4 and 5 advising of a meeting to be held on Tuesday 27 October at 5:30pm. This meeting is to discuss the 2016 Stage 3 excursion. Your input is important and I hope to see you there.

Jacaranda Thursday

Jacaranda Thursday has been declared a local half day public holiday from 1:00pm on Thursday 5 November. This means that the school will be closed from 1:00pm. More information will be in the next newsletter.

2017 Selective High School Applications

Students in Year 5 have been given a note with information about 2017 Selective High School applications. All applications are made online, the website is open from 13 October to 16 November 2015.

Assembly

Our next assembly will be held on Monday 19 October at 2:20pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Semester 2 SRC members will receive their badge at this assembly.

Jacqui Menzies
Principal

Bookclub

Bookclub orders are due back at school by Monday 19 October.
Canteen October 26 2015 - Duty : Katie Brown, Sonia Michael and Mel Purtill.

P&C News
The next P&C meeting will be held in the library at 6:00pm on Monday 19 October. Hope to see you there.
Don’t forget the P&C has a fridge for sale and raffle tickets for the Xmas raffle should be returned to the office as books are sold. Extra books are available at the office.

Raffle - Each family recently received a book of ten raffle tickets for the end of year raffle. Please return book and money as soon as it is sold. Also extra books are available if you would like to sell more.

FOR SALE - The P&C has a Fisher & Paykel 163 litre chest freezer for sale. It is priced at $200.00 or near offer. Please contact Michelle if you are interested in this item.

Community News
These advertisements are accepted in good faith and the school does not vet them. Parents are advised to request further information or credentials from the advertiser, if they seek product use or participation in the activity.

Limit Screen time to Two hours
40% of children aged 5 – 12 years watch an average of two or more hours of television or videos a day. This does not include time on other kinds of screens.
Studies have shown that we use less energy watching TV than just sitting still.
TV influences the food choice of kids – Australia has a high rate of food advertising during children’s viewing hours.
TV replaces time a child can be active and enjoy the Great Outdoors.
There is an association between TV watching and being overweight.