CONGRATULATIONS
WEEK 4 AWARD RECIPIENTS

CRAZY HAIR DAY
Wooli P and C fundraiser

The Wooli P and C have decided to tackle the school's growing nit occurrence with a fun crazy hair day. On Friday 4 March, please send a gold coin donation and send your child to school with white conditioner or other product of your choice, to be left in your child’s hair all day. There will also be conditioner at school available if you prefer. The children can style their hair however they like for the day while the conditioner will smother the nits and kill them, hopefully!!

Mel Shanahan
P and C President
I have really enjoyed teaching Science with the children this term. All Science units of work so far have required hands-on learning and I have noticed a higher degree of engagement amongst the students because of this. The K/1 class have been participating in a Science unit called “Paddock to Plate”. Students have been discussing and categorising “natural” (from the farm) and “made” (from the factory) foods and learning about the processes required in order to get their food from the paddock to the plate. This is a great unit as it also has cross-curricular links with Personal Development Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) outcomes as it requires students to understand and make choices about foods which benefit the body. In our second lesson we made a colourful fruit salad and I was delighted to see all students try all 6 varieties of fruit. During last week’s lesson students were required to categorise natural and processed food, as well as understand that there are certain foods that fall somewhere in the middle of these two categories. We will soon be learning more about exactly where food comes from and how it gets to us from farms and factories.

The 2/3 class have been doing a Science unit called “Water in Our World”. So far we have been able to discuss where water comes from and how this is different for people who live in the city compared to people who live in the country. We have also tied this learning into our community by learning about where the Minnie Water and Wooli drinking water supplies come from. We have watched a YouTube clip where we learned global facts about the water crisis and how approximately 1 billion out of the 7 billion people on Earth do not have access to clean, safe drinking water. This generated a lot of thought and in class discussion about how it does not always have to be like this and our children are the ones who will grow up with the knowledge and power to rectify this. In our second lesson we were able to begin to learn about water in its 3 forms: solid, liquid and gas.

The 4/5/6 class have been doing a Science unit titled “Celebrations”. The unit builds on the
students’ prior knowledge about changes in state from solids to liquids and introduces them to air as a gas. So far we have categorised “Celebrations” AKA party food into solids and liquids, at the same time learning the properties of solids and liquids. We made slime with cornflour, water and green food colouring and learned from that that slime is what we call a “Non-Newtonian fluid/liquid” which means that viscosity changes based on how much force is applied. E.g. if you punch, it feels solid, if you relax your hand, it slips through your fingers. During the last lesson on Thursday, we made vanilla choc-chip ice cream by using only rock salt and ice in a big ziplock bag and filling a smaller ziplock bag with measured quantities of cream, sugar, chocolate chips, vanilla essence, sealing, placing inside the bigger bag and shaking vigorously for 5 minutes. We had three groups, only the group with Mani, Sava and Callum worked well however. We analysed and discussed why, and put it down to the fact that they were consistent when they shook the bag, they followed the quantities the most carefully, and they worked quickly ensuring the ice in the outer bag did not melt. The boys were generous and happily shared with the whole class however. So simple yet effective. This is the link to the procedure if wanting to try this at home:
http://science.howstuffworks.com/innovation/edible-innovations/ice-cream3.htm

Everyone from years 2-6 has started their diorama and have finished painting their box sea blue. We are now planning our dioramas on paper and will begin making our sea creatures sometime this week and next week to put inside. Remember, please have a discussion with your child at home about the materials they will need. They may need googly eyes, pipe cleaners, egg cartons, clay/play dough, sea shells, fish tank decorations, etc. It will benefit their project greatly if you donate some of these items if you have not already done so. For the parents who already have sent in some resources, thank you very much it is greatly appreciated.

K-1 STARS OF THE WEEK

Student of the Week: Rivers Bell

Merit Recipients: Evie Cansdell, Ty Cave, Ryan Gilmore, Petria Plowman and Oscar Smith.

Please remember to return your harvest bags for Gardening!!
Grafton Netball Association

We will be holding another sign on day at the courts in Bacon Street on Saturday the 27th of February from 12-2pm. Delegates from all clubs will be present 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.

NetSetGo

ANZ NetSetGo is Australia’s junior entry netball program. The program is for children 5-8yrs of age incorporating skill activities, minor games and modified competition. Time and day to be confirmed ASAP. Registrations as above.

To keep up to date with what’s going on at Grafton Netball Association follow us on Facebook or check out the website. Any enquiries contact:
Brooke Burton - 0437426070

FRIDAY LUNCHES – 4 MARCH 2016

My child/children ________________________________ would like to order a ham and salad wrap.

I have included $2.50 payment per serve with the order.

ORDERS NEED TO BE IN BY TUESDAY FOR CATERING PURPOSES.

THANK YOU :)

Trying to Limit Screen time to Two hours?

Help is at Hand! eSafety for parents - Too much time online

Trying to drag your children away from online games, apps, YouTube videos or social networking? Want to know what is normal and when they are spending too much time online?

Child development experts, including psychologist Dr Helen Street, answer questions about how much time children should spend online.

Search online for “Esafety for parents too much time online” and follow the links https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/parent-resources/esafety-for-parents-too-much-time-online

Yuraygir United Football Club

Thanks to everyone who came to the sign on day last Saturday. It was a great turn out with lots of new players. For those who still wish to play this season please register as soon as possible. Payment can be delayed until trainings starts. To register go to www.myfootballclub.com.au and follow the prompts. Fees for this season: U6/7 $85, U8-U11 $105, U12-U18 (non senior comp)$120.

Any queries to yufootballclub.com.au or call Karen 0423 699915

FRIDAY LUNCHES

ROSTER

26 FEBRUARY
Mel Shanahan

4 MARCH
Mel Shanahan

11 MARCH
Lauren Bond

18 MARCH
Helper needed

1 APRIL
Kylie Pitt

8 APRIL
Leanne Plowman

Melanie Shanahan will be providing Friday Lunches this Friday. Next week we will be having ham and salad wraps. If you would like to order, please complete the attached order form and return it to school with payment by TUESDAY.