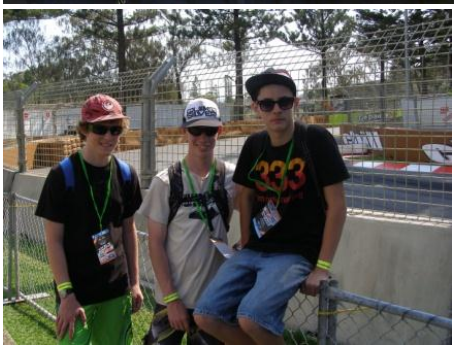


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Principals Report

Before I begin my section of this week's newsletter I would like to congratulate our Dragon Boat team who won their race at the Jacaranda Dragon Boat Races. Well done everyone!

Grafton Community of Schools Art Show

Starting this week the Grafton Community of Schools, including Grafton HS, Grafton PS, Westlawn PS, South Grafton PS, South Grafton HS and Gillwinga PS, will be exhibiting some of our student artwork at the Grafton Gallery. This will include student HSC work and we hope that this will become an annual exhibition. The exhibition closes 2nd December and there is some great work on display so why not drop in to the Gallery to see for yourself.

Cultural Inclusivity and Awareness

When Malcolm Harrison was a Vice Captain at Grafton High School he developed a greater appreciation of the significance of local indigenous culture and the difficulties and barriers to learning that can hinder some students. Many years later as the school celebrated its centenary, Malcolm and several like-minded ex-students were determined to do something positive in this respect and so, after some discussions with Aboriginal staff and parents, set about trying to have an Aboriginal Cultural Centre built at the school. The prohibitive costs and lack of external funding have meant that this aspiration is not possible; however, Malcolm has continued to actively pursue this initiative and has made significant donations to the school as a result. These donations are being used to help bring parents and culture into the school and classrooms for the benefit of both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students. Malcolm has provided funding to assist with conducting parent and community forums, such as the community gathering to be conducted this week. He has also paid for the school's financial contribution to the development of the "Three Mobs, One River"

Aboriginal Learning kit to be used to help bring local Aboriginal community members and cultural experiences into the school and classrooms to assist school development and student learning, as well as to acknowledge and develop student pride in our rich local culture. Despite his request for anonymity, I wanted to share Malcolm's contribution with the broader community and acknowledge the valuable contribution he has made. I asked Malcolm to join myself, our newly elected school captains, David and Reuben, and our Aboriginal Education Officer, Fran Williams, for a small luncheon to thank him for his continuing support for the school and community. It was particularly fitting that our male school captain, David Bruton-Duroux, is one of our many Aboriginal students and was elected by his peers as school captain in the schools centenary year. I believe that David is only our second ever Indigenous captain.



David, Fran, myself and Reuben with Malcolm

Aboriginal Community Gathering

I am looking forward to our Aboriginal Community gathering at midday this Wednesday. This is an inaugural event to allow a chance for family and community members to drop into the school for a chat, or just to have their questions answered. I am



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hoping that this week's gathering will generate possible focus areas for the future, so that the school can make available staff and resources to address any areas suggested by parents and community.

Year 7 – 2013 Student Scholarships

It is my privilege to announce the recipients of the 2013 Year 7 Scholarships. In interviewing a large field of outstanding students vying for only ten available scholarships, I was extremely impressed with the quality of students and had significant difficulties narrowing the field down to only ten. The 2013 scholarship recipients are:

Academic Performance:

- Claire Smidt-Thompson (Westlawn PS)
- Kate McGuire (Westlawn PS)

Student Leadership:

- Samira Lawson (Grafton PS)
- Sebastian Roe (Westlawn PS)

Excellence in Creative and Performing Arts:

- Ashlynn Tibbs (Westlawn PS)
- Nicole Davies (Grafton PS)
- Ebony Davis (Grafton PS)

Sporting Achievement:

- Kaitlin Pardoe (Grafton PS)
- Amber Sinclair (Grafton PS)

Aboriginal Student Excellence:

- Alma Drew (Grafton PS)

All students will receive an exemption for all normal school and subject contributions for 2013, the equivalent of \$130. Congratulations to all these students!

Merit Excursions

A reminder that a number of students have been excluded from participating in the non-mandatory end-of-year merit excursion, based on their record of poor behaviour, attendance or completion of work. Students should consult their year adviser if they are unsure of their eligibility to attend these excursions. There is a process for any students wishing to appeal this decision. All appeals must be on the appropriate appeal form and submitted to me for consideration and a final decision.

Mr Peter South - Principal

Upcoming Events - November

- 5th – 9th – Year 7 and 8 exams
- 7th – 6 -7 information night GHS 6pm
- 12th- 14th – Years 9 and 10 exams
- 14th – Year 12 formal
- 21st – Star Quest Musical
- 22nd – P & C Meeting 7pm
- 26th-30th – Year 11 – Heron Island

Uniforms

If anyone has pre-loved uniforms they would like to donate to the school, they can be

handed in at the GHS canteen or at the front office to be placed in the second hand clothing pool.

Jenny and Noelene



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Picture Perfect Calendar Competition

If you fancy yourself a photographer, here's your chance to snap up a fancy camera.

Simply email your best images, taken within the Clarence Valley, to photo@dailyexaminer.com.au to be in the running. The best 13 images will be selected for inclusion in the annual Clarence Valley Calendar along with your name and caption. These images will also be uploaded to the Daily Examiner website for community judging to determine the major winner whose image will then appear on the calendar's front cover. The major winner will walk away with a D3100 Nikon SLR kit valued at \$700 and each of the finalists will receive a voucher for 100 free 6x4 prints from Harvey Norman. Images must be the work of the entrant and digital images should be supplied at between 300kb and 1MB and include the photographer's name and image caption.

Happy snapping!

GHS Uniform List

Year 7 Book Pack	\$40
Year 7 Book Pack with Calculator	\$65
Year 8 Book Pack	\$15
Calculator	\$28
White Polo Shirt	\$20
Blue Polo Shirt	\$22
Sports Shirt	\$22
Check Skirt	\$28
Navy Skirt	\$28
Taslon Jacket	\$50
Jumper	\$25
Check Shorts	\$24
Blue Sports Short	\$20
Black Sports Short	\$20
Grey Short	\$26
Black Track Pants	\$29
Stationary Supplies	As listed on other sheet

Stationary Supplies
available from GHS Canteen.

<u>Exercise Books</u>			<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
48p	.35		20p A4 Display Folder	\$2.00
64p	.50		Metal Compass	\$2.00
69p	.80		Protractor	.50
128p	.95		Math Text Book Cover	\$5.00
160p	\$1.20		Macquarie Little Dictionary	\$7.50
192p	\$1.40		ID Card Holder	\$1.00
240p	\$1.80		Safety Glasses	\$3.50
240p grid	\$2.50		Eraser	.25
			Ruler	.50
<u>A4 Binder Books</u>			Pens-blue, black,red	.50
64p	.75		Pencils – 2B, 2H	.35
128p	\$1.50		Calculator	\$28.00
192p	\$2.00			
			Year 7 Book Pack	\$40.00
<u>A3 Art</u>			Year 7 Book Pack with calculator	\$65.00
20p Sketch Book	\$3.00			
128p Visual Art Book	\$15.00		Year 8 Book Pack	\$15.00