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Principals Report

Last Wednesday I had the pleasure of attending the Year 12 formal. Our Year 12 young men and women looked fantastic and parents and children alike seemed to enjoy the evening. Thanks must go to Mr Howe as year adviser for his contribution to the year 12 class of 2012. We wish all of year 12 the very best for the future.

High Achievers Luncheon

I had the pleasure last week of hosting the Year 11 High Achievers Luncheon for our top achieving students from year 11. The high achievers for 2012 were: Reba Blake, Ane Coetzee, Nikki Corrigan, Mitchell Foley, Reuben Grantley-Davies, Bridgette Lynch, Savannah Marsh, Ryan McCallum, Nikki McGilvray, Daynah Ots and Mark Riddell. It was a pleasure to join with parents in acknowledging the achievement of these students in the Preliminary HSC course. I look forward to them continuing their efforts into the HSC course so that they can achieve equally pleasing results next year.



Lions Club of Grafton Youth of the Year

Last week I also attended the public speaking presentation for the Lions Club Youth of the Year quest. I had the pleasure of hearing Rachael MacKenzie and David Bruton-Duroux give two speeches – one an impromptu speech and the other a prepared speech. We competed against two students from Clarence

Monday, 19 November 2012

Valley Anglican School and both Rachael and David really did Grafton High School proud! As a result, David won the public speaking section of the evening and also took out the "Youth of the Year" for Grafton Lions Club. He now goes on to the next stage of the competition at Coffs Harbour next year. Given that in his speech David said that one of his ambitions was to be prime minister - it is worth noting that Kevin Rudd was a previous national Lions Club "Youth of the Year".



Thanks to Mrs Castle for her support of these students and their participation in this event.

Conservatorium Scholarship Winners

I would also like to congratulate Julia Green and Annabel Green, who have both received scholarships/awards from the Clarence Valley Conservatorium. Julia won the Senior Music Encouragement Award and Annabel won the Group Drama Scholarship. Well done to both students!

Southern Cross Uni – STAR entry scheme

I can also announce this week that 40 of our year 12 students have received offers for entry to Southern Cross University next year as part of the "STAR Entry Scheme". This is a fantastic opportunity for these students.

Peter South - Principal



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MIXED RESULTS IN GIRLS CRICKET

The **under 14's** girls team enjoyed a convincing win in their first game of the season. Batting first, GHS opening pair Amy Riddell (37) and Courtney Fuller (51n.o.) were untroubled as they steered the team to a total of 1/154. Bianca Bertus and Tayla Lavender also contributed valuable runs and were both unbeaten at the crease.

In reply Bellingen High School could only manage 3/105.

Courtney Fuller (2/8) was the best of the bowlers with Amy Riddell (1/16) and Ashleigh Martin (1/17) also chipping in.

Many of the girls were embarking on their first ever cricket game and certainly learnt a lot including the answers to some of their questions eg. what is an over? and how do you know when the game is over?

The **girls Open** team failed to fire against a strong South Grafton High School team. SGHS elected to bat first and scored an impressive 5/204.

Grafton's bowling attack was spearheaded by Nikki Corrigan who bowled beautifully with figures of 4/30. She was supported by Rebecca Daffey and Ashleigh Campbell whose bowling greatly restricted the scoring rate although they remained wicketless. Reanna Schache chipped in with 1/26.

Ashleigh Campbell was the best fielder in the match showing great skills and determination (in fact her shirt was the only one requiring the Sard Wonder soap)

Grafton's run chase never got going after opening pair Nikki Corrigan and Rebecca Daffey departed. The rest of the batting line up could not find any form or confidence and were dismissed cheaply.

The girls will be back again next year to once again try to break the SGHS voodoo.

Mrs. Nichols



HELP NEEDED!

PLEASE GIVE SOME TIME ONCE A MONTH.

THIS CANTEEN IS ABOUT SERVING YOUR CHILDREN THE FRESHEST FOODS POSSIBLE.

THIS IS PROVING DIFFICULT DUE TO THE LACK OF VOLUTEERS.

HOURS ARE ROUGHLY 9-2(WE ARE VERY FLEXIBLE).

IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE SEE JENNY OR NOELENE AT THE CANTEEN,

OR CALL 66423355 AND ASK TO BE PUT THROUGH TO THE CANTEEN.

THANKS

Community Notices

Upcoming community skate park celebrations

Clarence Valley residents are being invited to attend community celebrations during November and December to celebrate the new skate parks built as part of the Out of the Box youth infrastructure project.

Skateboarding Australia has been engaged to run a day of free activities at each of the new Out of the Box skate parks. Activities will include StreetWise clinics, demonstrations by pro-riders and a best trick competition with prizes for category winners. Skaters will also be filmed for a Clarence Valley skate clip.

For those who are not keen on spending their day on wheels, there will be a drumming workshop and a sausage sizzle lunch in what is sure to be a fantastic day out for the family.

The celebrations will run from 9am to 3pm on the following days:

Saturday 24 th November	Coutts Crossing
Sunday 25 th November	Copmanhurst
Saturday 8 th December	Wooli
Sunday 9 th December	Yamba



Celebrating a Multicultural Christmas in the Clarence Valley

Who? Multicultural Community members
 When? Saturday 15th December 2012, 1100am- 2pm
 Where? Grafton Community Function Centre
 Bring? A plate of your traditional Christmas cuisine to share with the group.

Your dish should be prepared, cooked and presented on a plate/ serving platter or dish ready to share.

Why should you come?
 This is an opportunity to reconnect with the local multicultural community. It's a great networking opportunity to share stories, enjoy traditional cuisine and meet new friends, sing and enjoy the company of others!

RSVP: Monday 3rd December 2012
 Bing 6643 4515 or
 Dorothy 6647 3371
 Please indicate if you require transport when you RSVP.

We look forward to seeing you there!



DIRT33 DISCO

14th December

The BIGGEST Under 18's Event in the Clarence Valley!

DJs, Dance Crews, Fire Twirling, Laser Show,

Jumping Castle, Food Stalls, Prizes & Giveaways!

@ The Grafton High School MPC

Tickets on sale 24th October

Search "dirt33 disco" on Facebook

For booking & volunteering inquiries Contact:

Jeremy 04222 04870 - Daniel 0413 166 876

Grafton Scout Group is having an **OPEN DAY!!**

Be prepared...
 For new adventure!



For more than 100 years Scouts have offered a program to young people which helps develop them through teamwork and using their own initiative.

Scouts believe encouraging young people to "be prepared" is more important today than ever!

What should you be prepared for? Fun and adventure, team involvement, helping other people, being a leader, making friends, caring for the environment, and being a positive influence in your community.

Come along to our **OPEN DAYS**

Joey Scouts 6-8 years

4:30-5:30pm on Mondays

12 Nov, 19 Nov, 26 Nov and 3 Dec

Cub Scouts 8-11 years

6:00-7:30pm on Mondays

12 Nov, 19 Nov, 26 Nov and 3 Dec

Scouts 11-14 years

6-8pm on Thursdays

15 Nov, 22 Nov, 29 Nov and 6 Dec

Held at Grafton Scout Hall
 North Street (River End) Grafton



DON'T MISS OUT!!

For more information call
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