



# Grafton High School

## Achieving Excellence

Tuesday, 5 November 2013

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### Principal's Report

#### All Things Jacaranda

This week's newsletter has ended up a reflection on the Jacaranda Festival. We had so much good news around Jacaranda that I had to let you know about just some of the things the school has been a part of.

#### Junior Jacaranda Queen

Congratulations to Claire Smidt-Thompson, crowned Junior Jacaranda Queen! The photo below shows all the junior candidates including Grafton HS students Louisa Rose, Bianca Bertus (Junior Princess), Jayde Timmins and Claire Smidt-Thompson (Junior Queen).



#### Australia's Largest Jacaranda

It is official, we have Australia's largest Jacaranda tree! The tree at the end of the oval, with a circumference of 5.5 m, height of 17 m and crown of 25 m has been officially



recognised as the largest in Australia, according to the National Register of Big Trees.

For more information you can visit the National Register of Big Trees at:

<http://www.nationalregisterofbigtrees.com.au/>

#### Jacaranda Concert

Congratulations to our school band and choir for their outstanding performance at the Jacaranda Concert as part of the Grafton Community of Schools performance. Under the direction of Mr Townley and with the assistance of Mrs Worrell and the rest of the CLASS faculty they did us proud. Our band and choir, along with all our other endeavours in the creative and performing arts, are coming along in leaps and bounds. They are really something to be a part of if you are a student and to be proud of as a parent or an educator.



I have included a few more photos over page.

*Peter South - Principal*



## Jacaranda Concert – Cont.



## Upcoming Events:

14/10 – 8/11	HSC Eams
11/11 – 15/11	Exams – years 7, 8 and 9
21/11 – 22/11	Year 10 Buccarumbi Camp
2/12 -6/12	HSC Maths Assessment Week
18/12	Last Day 2013 for students
21/12-22/12	Staff Development Days

### ESSA Test

Week 6 – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013 during periods 3 and 4.

All of year 8 student will need to bring a pair of headphones.

Further information from Mr Rutledge (Head Teacher Science)

## Community Notices

### Valley Made Markets

The Market will be all handmade Stalls from the Clarence Valley and surrounding areas.

Showcasing local artist and Indie Designers.

Our first market will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> November at the South Grafton Ex-Servicemen's Club - 2 Wharf St South Grafton.

From 9am - 2pm.

Gold coin donation for a local charity is much appreciated.

## GHS Open Boys Cricket



(Absent: Nathan Butterick: Jesse Powell)

On a sweltering Wednesday the boys from GHS took on the might of Coffs High School at JJ Lawrence Oval. Nathan Butterick opened with Jacob Purser. Nathan was at ease and went on to slog a lovely 62 N.O. Jesse Powell put on a classy 23 and most of the other boys batted into double figures. We were all out for 172 and quietly confident we could contain Coffs to a lesser score.

As they say in the classics, "Catches win Matches" and with two critical drops in the first few overs, we were up against a classy opening pair who both declared their innings on 50. After 26 overs Coffs bypassed our score with only one batsman returned to the pavilion.

Thanks to all the boys who joined the team. The game was played in good spirits and there is always next year.



Family Relationship Skills Program.  
3 Workshops for Parents in Grafton in November

**Confident Parenting**

Thursdays 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> November  
Pullen Centre, 3-7 Prince St.

Parents identify the values they wish to teach their children  
and use them to develop simple family rules.



**Responding not Reacting**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am-2.30pm  
Gillwina Primary School, Hide St, South Grafton.

Understanding children's needs. Balancing their needs and yours.  
Listening and focusing. Understanding your reactions.

**Attending to Stress**

Pullen Centre Grafton.  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 9.30 am-2.30pm Free lunch.  
Fun, relaxation creativity.

Reflection on why self care is difficult. How stress affects us. Developing a plan to attend to stress.

**Bookings essential. Contact FRSP 6642 7257  
All workshops free. Free child care on request.**