



Grafton High School

Achieving Excellence

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Principal's Report



Congratulations to our students involved in the Archibull competition. We are one of the finalists for the event and the judges were extremely impressed with both the cow itself and also with the way our students presented and demonstrated what they had learnt. Given that this was our first time in this competition I am very proud of the work our students have done and particularly wish to acknowledge the enthusiasm and hard work of all staff involved, especially Mr Brown and Ms Hilton. It is clear that this was valuable learning for the students and I am hoping that the school can continue to participate in such rich learning tasks into the future.

Remembrance Day

Yesterday, we held a special Remembrance Day service at the school, as we do each year to mark this significant event in our modern history and to remember the sacrifice of those who fought in World War One as well as all conflicts in which Australia has been involved.

I have to say that the service we conduct at Grafton High School would have to be the best I have seen at any school in the state and parallels the quality of services I have participated in during my time in the Air Force. It is totally run by our SRC, with the school band playing and the local Grafton Army Cadet Unit as the Catafalque Guard. Our students all treat this event with the greatest respect. You really could have heard a pin drop yesterday during the minute's silence. It is at times like this that I am extremely proud of our school and our students. Yet again I have to acknowledge the organisation of Mr Strano as SRC coordinator and the work of Mrs Worrell and Mr Townley with our school band, who played flawlessly.

P&C Christmas Meeting

The P&C will be holding its final Christmas meeting on the 4th of December at 6 pm in the staff common room. All of those parents who have been involved in the P&C this year are welcome to join us for pizza and our final meeting for the year. If you were not at the last meeting and would like to attend this meeting then please RSVP to either myself or P&C President Richard Green so that we can cater for numbers on the night. The P&C will also be holding a thank you luncheon for parent volunteers. Invitations for the luncheon will go out shortly through the canteen.

2016 Selective High School Applications

Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016 will close at 10pm on 17 November 2014. This process is only for current year 5 students who intend enrolling in our selective stream in year 7 in 2015. Existing selective students and those who already have entry for 2015 do not need to reapply.

The application information booklet and application website link are on the High Performing Students Unit's website at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

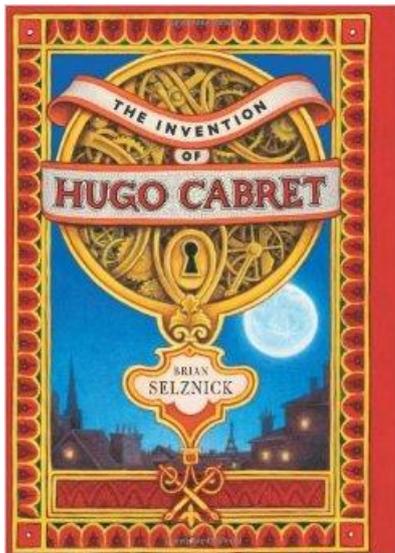
Please pass this information on to anyone you believe may be interested. I have already informed our main partner primary schools. Talented students require a more enriched and challenging learning environment in order to reach their full potential. The selective stream at Grafton High School provides this opportunity and entry to this stream can only be guaranteed through this application process.

Peter South, Principal

New Books to GHS Library

The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick.

Orphan, clock keeper, and thief, Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity. But when his world suddenly interlocks with an eccentric, bookish girl and a bitter old man who runs a toy booth in the station, Hugo's undercover life, and his most precious secret, are put in jeopardy. A cryptic drawing, a treasured notebook, a stolen key, a mechanical man, and a hidden message from Hugo's dead father form the backbone of this intricate, tender, and spellbinding mystery.



Upcoming Events:

November

Week 6 B

- 10-14th Year 7-9 Exams
- 10-14th ESSA Test
- 11th Year 9 Police Talks
- 12th Year 12 Graduation Formal
- 13th RRISK Year 11

Week 7 A

- 17-18th Year 9 Stellar Excursion- UNE
- 21st Year 10 Stellar CVC Role Model Forum

Week 8 B

- 24-28th Heron Island Excursion
- 24-28th School Spectacular: Sydney
- 27-28th Queensland University Excursion
- 27th P & C Meeting 7pm

December

Week 9 A

- 1-3rd Variety Night Rehearsals

3 rd	Year 6 -7 Orientation Day
3 rd	Support Unit Graduation Dinner
4 th	Variety Night
5 th	Rewards Excursion Year 7, 8 & 9
Week 10 B	
10 th	Presentation Night – 6.30pm
12 th	Battle of the Bands
Week 11 A	
15-17 th	
17 th	Last day 2014 for Students
18-19 th	School Development Day 2015
January	
27 th	Staff Development Day
28 th	Year 7 & 11
29 th	All Students



Celebrate volunteering

Inviting all volunteers, from any field, activity or organisation in the Clarence Valley.



Please join us for morning tea at :



GRAFTON: 10.00am
Tuesday 2 December
Grafton Community & Function Centre (59 Duke St)

OR



YAMBA: 10.00am
Thursday 4 December
Treelands Drive Community Centre

Please RSVP by Tuesday, 25 November (numbers for catering)

Ph: Tina Bultitude 66417211 (8:30am-4pm, Mon-Thu); or Email: christine.bultitude@clarence.nsw.gov.au






Teaching someone to drive can be a **happy** experience.

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a **FREE** two hour workshop.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

TIME & DATE:	VENUE:	BOOK NOW ON:
Tuesday 9 December 5:30pm – 7:30pm	Grafton District Services Club Upstairs Function Room	www.etcld.com.au/rms Ph: (02) 6650 1969 Freecall 1300 359 968

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Have your say



Transport for NSW

Maritime Management Centre



Have your say about the Clarence River

The Maritime Management Centre is developing a State-wide Riverbank Management Plan to ensure better management of boating in areas where riverbanks are sensitive to erosion. To inform the Plan, we are holding public consultation sessions about the future of three waterways in northern NSW - the Tweed, Clarence and Williams rivers.

We are looking to gather local knowledge, find out what is important to the local community and make sure you are kept informed.

Your feedback will be used to help us make decisions and address riverbank management issues in the future.

When: 19 November 2014, 4pm to 8pm

Where: Grafton Community Function Centre, 59 Duke St, Grafton

For more information call 02 8265 7410 or email maritime@transport.nsw.gov.au

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