



# Grafton High School

## Achieving Excellence

Friday, 11 September 2015

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### Principal's Report

A very short column from me this week to finish the term.

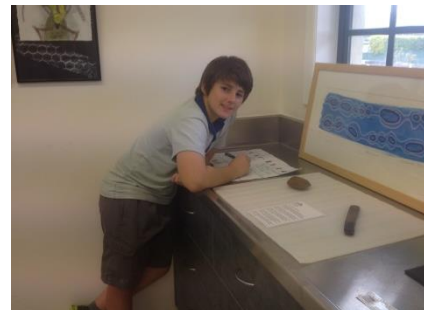
On Thursday I attended the funeral of Year 12 student - Kiara Joe, along with a great number of staff and students. The service was very moving and highlighted what a beautiful person Kiara was, through her deeds and actions in life and the way she touched those around her. It also highlighted how wonderful our community is as a whole and the important part our youth play in building that community. I am very proud of the way that our students have supported each other through this difficult time and very proud of the way our staff have supported students.

I have today been informed that the funeral for ex-student, Jamie Windred, will be held at 10 am on Monday 14th September at the Cathedral. I know that Jamie's passing has deeply affected some of our students and I would like to extend the school's sympathy and support to family members and those students and staff affected. I would like to remind students and parents/carers that the school is able to provide counselling to any affected students. If a parent/carer feels that their child needs additional support or consideration then please make contact with the school through our counsellors or your child's Year Adviser.

Lastly, as we move into the final week of school for Year 12, I would like to wish them all the best for their HSC exams next term. I hope that everyone has a much deserved break over the school holiday period and returns ready for the challenges of the term ahead.

*Peter South – Principal*

### Year 7 History Excursion



*Lachlan Murray observing Aboriginal Artefacts*



*Will Walsh and Alex Fisher viewing Lindt Collection photos*



*Year 7 boys researching war artefacts at Schaeffer House*



*Will Walsh finds a family heirloom in the Zietsch drink bottles*

## Upcoming Events:

### TERM 3

Week 10

18/09 Year 12 Formal Assembly

18/09 Last Day Term 3

### TERM 4

Week 1

5/10 Labour Day Public Holiday

6/10 School resumes for all staff and student

6-9/10

12/10 to 6/11 HSC Exams

7/10 Stellar – Year 9

Week 2

15/10 Year 7 Immunisations

Week 3

20/10 Parent Chromebook Info for Year 7 2016

21/10 Year 7 2016 Taster day – Copmanhurst, Lawrence, Baryulgil & non-local PS

22/10 Year 7 2016 Taster day – GPS

22/10 Year 10 - Yearly Exams

23/10 Year 7 2016 Taster day – Westlawn PS

Week 4

26/10 Year 10 Police Talks

29-30/10 Agricultural Excursion

Week 5

3/11 Year 7 2016 Parent Info Evening 6pm

4/11 Year 7 Police Talks

5/11 Jacaranda Thursday

Week 6

9-13/11 Year 7-9 Yearly Exams

9-13/11 Year 8 ESSA Testing

10/11 Year 9 Stellar Excursion Armidale

12/11 Year 12 Formal SGDSC 5.50pm students, doors open at 6.30pm guests & 7pm start

Week 7

17/11 2016 Year 7 Orientation Day

21-28/11 Herron Island Excursion

Week 8

Week 9

Week 10

Week 11

14-16/12 Activities Week

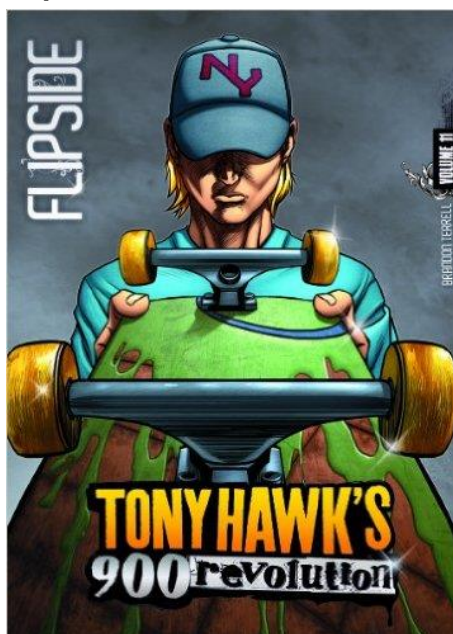
16/12 Last day of 2015 for Students

17-18/12 Staff Development Day

## GHS Library

### Book of the Week

#### Flipside: Volume 11



### Review:

The Collective, in possession of the Fragmented board and growing stronger every day, decide to retrieve one of their own: Tommy Goff, held captive by the Revolution in an undisclosed location. To discover the prisoner's whereabouts, Elliot Addison and his mentor Archard Venin must earn the Revolution's trust. But Archard has other plans. Lots of action and adventure, best suited for Yrs 7- 9.

## Restaurant on Clarence

### Wednesday Evenings

Doors open at 6pm  
3 courses \$30pp

September 16<sup>th</sup>

October 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

November 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>

25<sup>th</sup> November Degustation (Price TBA)

### Thursday Bistro

Doors open 12 noon

**2 Courses at \$12 inclusive or \$8 main and \$4 dessert**

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

Located at the Grafton TAFE campus, available to the public when practical dining takes place.

Dining at the Restaurant on Clarence provides our students the opportunity to train in a realistic hospitality environment over dinner and function services.

The training of hospitality staff in the North Coast region is our priority and we Thank You for your patronage and participation in student training.

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**RyansBusService**  
COFFS HARBOUR - WOOLGOOLGA - GRAFTON

Just a quick update - the Transportme Passenger app is now available for download on the Google Play store, allowing android phone users the ability to also track our school buses (and passenger buses) in real-time. Again, this is a completely free download.

Grafton District Tennis Association and Domino's Grafton present:  
**Gain Confidence And Develop Your Game**

All standards welcome  
For all kids in the Clarence Valley District. Come, enjoy tennis, have fun, socialise.

ANZ HOT SPOTS

For orange, green and yellow ball players  
Competition to run over 7 weeks (including grading)  
\$50 (includes pizza and drink)

We seek parent/leader ability assistance with running the competition to improve (we will teach you how, mentor and encourage the kids.)  
Friday 5:00 - 6:30pm at the Grafton City Tennis Centre  
Starts Friday 5th of October

Expressions of interest contact...  
Phil phone: 0422 596 089 or  
Simon phone: 0422 598 038

Early interest is vital to fixate teams and organise the competition  
Entries close: 2.15.15

# Hoi An

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By Kiarni Olsen and Bianca Bertus

July 3<sup>rd</sup>

This morning, we got on the bus, and drove down the coast road, on our way to Hoi An. Stopping at a beach resort on the way, for lunch, and a quick swim in the sea. Continuing down the coast road, we stopped at the marble mountains, where we all braved the steep climb, to the temples. Those adventurous and fit enough, continued the journey to the peak of the mountain, awarded with a fantastic view. On our way again, stopping at the Cham museum, exploring the artefacts and admiring the carvings, as well as learning the ancient culture. Finally, we arrived at the beautiful city of Hoi An. We were staying at Thuy Duong Hotel, which was by far, our favourite hotel! It had a picture perfect pool which was the centre piece of the hotel's courtyard and the balconies to our rooms overlooked this serene area.. We had the best view! Later we wandered the colourful streets, keeping an eye out for any restaurants that we liked the look of. We, along with Jesse and Finn, ate in a small, underappreciated family owned restaurant. As well as the free Wi-Fi, the food and service was INCREDIBLE. The proud owner invited us into his memory, by telling us of family's experiences, with not only the war, but just of typical Vietnamese life. He bombarded us with books, practically falling apart, which were full of sweet messages from past customers, who were all touched by his stories. After dinner, we went back to our hotel, for much needed rest.



**Marble Mountain near Hoi An**

July 4<sup>th</sup>

We all struggled out of bed, for an early morning start in an effort to beat the intense heat of the day and to meet our much loved tour guide, Mr T, whose full name, we could not pronounce. He led us on a walking tour around the breath-taking World Heritage listed streets of Hoi An. We stopped and explored several Chinese temples, with spirals of sandalwood incense hanging from the ceiling. By the end, of the tour, we were all drenched in sweat, and ready for a break. Half the group stayed in the main streets, to shop for presents, and the other half went back to the hotel for a swim. Staying at the same hotel as us, was a small Australian family from Bellingen, who told us of a local restaurant, whose food was the best they'd had, and was only just around the corner. Ms Armstrong made the executive decision to eat there for lunch – the food was amazing as it presented us with authentic local cuisine. Bianca and I had the fried noodles, and failed to find better throughout the rest of the trip.



**Japanese Bridge, Hoi An**

After lunch, we continued exploring the town, but this time on bicycle. Some members of the group struggled to stay on the bike, and were very lucky to NOT hit the tree on the way down. However, nobody was hurt and we made it to a local herb farm, owned by a large Vietnamese family. Upon arriving, we were given traditional farming outfits, which consisted of a cone hat, and a brown smock. They showed us the different herbs, they were growing and how they planted them.



**Lining herb beds with seaweed before planting Vietnamese basil**



**Watering plants Vietnamese style**

July 5<sup>th</sup>

Today was our free day, and we were able to do practically anything, with permission of course! The girls relaxed by having a massage and manicure whilst the boys caught up on much needed sleep. The remainder of the day was spent lounging around the pool and shopping in the afternoon. We returned to our favourite restaurant for lunch and for dinner we could choose any riverfront restaurant. We choose a rooftop terrace restaurant to watch the sunset and the colourful lanterns float down the river.

# Grafton High School 2015 School Magazine

Grafton High School provides families with the opportunity to purchase a school magazine annually. The 'Graftonian' is a valuable keepsake of the years' events. It includes coloured photos of students, samples of student's work, information and photos of school events, sports pages and other event pages. Great for each student to have as a keepsake of 2015 at Grafton High School.

Cost per magazine is \$15.00. Please place orders as soon as possible.

To enable us to keep the magazine at an affordable price we ask for donations from families or businesses. By supporting the magazine you are helping to keep the valuable tradition going and you will also have your name or business printed at the bottom of a page in the 2015 school magazine, example below.

Donation from family

This page sponsored by  
The South Family

If you are interested in sponsoring a page at a cost of \$10 per page please complete the tear off slip and return it to the office with the money enclosed before Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. The due date is set at the 14<sup>th</sup> September as the magazine needs to be submitted to the printers. Ad space for local businesses also available. Contact [ryan.martin35@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ryan.martin35@det.nsw.edu.au) for more details.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Ryan Martin  
School Magazine Coordinator

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**SCHOOL MAGAZINE SPONSORSHIP - \$10 per page**

I would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ page/s. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed well as a business card or details for sponsorship.

\_\_\_\_\_ (signed)

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**SCHOOL MAGAZINE PURCHASE - \$15 a copy**

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the 2015 Grafton High School Magazine. Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 'Popstars - the 90s Musical'

Another successful show has come to an end. 2015 saw us put on 'Popstars - the 90s musical' in conjunction with South Grafton High School. We had a cast, crew and band of 70 students with a number of staff involved. The students had a fantastic time putting this show together and performed to big crowds over 5 shows. A huge thank you to all those involved in the show.



## Musical Instrument Assignment:

Students in year 7 have been busy with their latest assignment. This saw students creating musical instruments from found and recycled objects. Some fabulous instruments were put together by the students.

