



Grafton High School

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Principals Report

This week has been one of celebration for the school as well as the community. Not only is it the Jacaranda festival, it is also the week that we officially opened our Trade Skills Centre, refurbished kitchen and High Performance Sports Centre. I have included some photos below of our local Federal and State members of Parliament, Kevin Hogan and Chris Gulaptis opening the Trade Skills centre and posing with some of our Hospitality students who catered for the opening event.



The three facilities represent a total investment of an additional \$1,000,000 in Federal Government funding and \$800,000 in State Government funding. With P&C and school contributions on top of this, the combined facilities represent an investment of almost \$2.3 million.

The final stage of the development is the completion of the alfresco dining area and courtyard. We are hoping to have a handover shortly and the site will be almost complete, apart from some planting and the purchase of furniture for the dining area.

In 2017, our kitchen facilities will be servicing 31 junior classes and 4 senior VET Hospitality classes.

End of Year Merit Excursions

We were all very saddened to hear of the tragic loss of life at Dreamworld on the Gold Coast recently. Each year we take merit excursions away to the Gold Coast and Dreamworld is a popular destination for our students on these excursions. Unfortunately, given the

uncertainty around whether and in what capacity Dreamworld will be open, we have had to make changes to those year group merit excursions that were planning on visiting Dreamworld. The changes will impact on the date, venue and cost of the excursion. Notes will be sent home to appropriate year groups to explain the situation and refunds of any surplus payments will be made to parents who have already paid.

P&C Meeting

A reminder that we have P&C meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month (excluding school and public holidays). The next meeting will be on Thursday 24th November, starting at 7 pm in the staff common room (entry via the Mary Street front office). All parents are most welcome to attend.

On the subject of P&C, I thought it worth mentioning the fantastic support we have received. The P&C has agreed to purchase 30 garbage bin stands, much like those in commercial areas and shopping centres. These will be bolted to the ground around the school and will replace the ugly metal bins. This was an improvement requested by the SRC. To support this significant purchase a combined P&C and SRC Movie Night fundraiser is being held at the Saraton on Thursday 17th November at 6:30 pm. The movie is the Harry Potter Spin-off: Fantastic Beasts and where to find them. Tickets are \$14 and can be pre-purchased at school or purchased on the night at the door.

Chromebook Computers

We have had some enquiries from parents wishing to purchase Chromebooks for students in other years outside of our current Years 7 and 8. There is no issue with parents doing this and students bringing these devices to school. We have access to an online portal for parents to purchase a Chromebook, if they wish: <http://graftonhs.orderportal.com.au>. All orders through this portal are commissioned ready to access the school network with all software licencing and delivery is included. Devices are delivered direct to the parent/student. The purchase of these computers is completely optional and the provision of the portal is just a service we provide to make it easier for parents.

Peter South - Principal

Music Lessons

The Clarence Valley Conservatorium welcomes Jake Dominey as a new member of our teaching staff. Jake is a drum specialist, he works with drum kit and has lots of experience with hand drumming. (Djembe)

Monday evenings at 6pm we are starting a hand drumming class, come along and try it, the first class is free. Drums are available on site. So as not to miss out ring first or send an email if you need to reserve a drum.

Call us on 6643 3555 or cvcon@cvcon.com.au

Begins at 6pm. All ages welcome.

STEM

Exciting STEM News, on November 11th our QubeRider students space mission will be launched. Last week the QubeRider team finalised their coding for the experiments they designed. The students have coded their raspberry pi to collect data on the Earth's magnetic field, the orbit path of the space station and the climate of the space station. They are anticipating to be able to analyse this data next term if all goes well with the rocket launch. Throughout this project the students have gained new skills involved in computer coding and problem solving. They even coded the onboard camera to take a group selfie!!!

CAPA



VALID

The Validation of Assessment for Learning and Individual Development (VALID) Science test for all Year 8 students will be held on **Monday 7th November**. The test tasks approximately 70 minutes. The VALID Science 8 test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on computer. Students in Year 8 will need **EARPHONES** to complete the test, so please remind them to bring them on this day. Can they also please bring their Chromebook/laptop if they have one. Students who do not have a Chromebook/laptop will be provided with one during their test periods. **NO EARPHONES** will be available for borrowing. If you have any questions about the VALID Science test then please contact Mrs Hill.

Boys Hockey Report 2016

The time spent is never too long and the distance travelled is never too far when the destination is excellence. Why do athletes contribute so much of their life and energy to this pursuit? This is a difficult question to answer for many, and yet, such a simple one for the many who devote themselves to this search. Mastery of task performance is high on list of those who are task oriented. Meaningful relationships formed with team mates in sport are high on the list of the interpersonally oriented. Whatever the driver, CHS sport offers opportunity for the development of many adolescent hockey players at Grafton High School. One graduating athlete in this year's boy's hockey team has travelled an estimated 6,500km in his 5 year career with the Grafton High School Hockey program. He, and many others have, and will continue to contribute significant time, energy and effort in search of this excellence in performance and meaningful relationships. The perfect balance between these two areas of life has been struck this year in the 2016 boy's hockey team. The boy's hockey team in 2016 has won a NSW CHS Gold medal for their excellence in performance. This achievement signifies the highest recognition of performance in NSW school sports performance for any school athlete or team. Aside from performance is the growth in self-belief for individuals and the relationships within the team that provide recognition of self worth and the worth of others. The belief that has been derived from this years' experience in hockey will be for many of these athletes, directly transferable to many other areas of life. I personally recognize the commitment that is required to achieve success at such a high level in life. The achievement that has these athletes recognized as the best in NSW. The commitment to pushing one's self to the limits of physical and psychological performance. The commitment to train at 6.30am in 2 degrees when you absolutely do not want to. These are the commitments that are rewarded. In sport, and in life, there are very few times when we will be rewarded for little effort. Very often, great effort applied will have great reward returned. Congratulations to the Boys hockey team 2016 who with outstanding effort, have been rewarded with the title of NSW boys hockey State Champions.



GHS Library

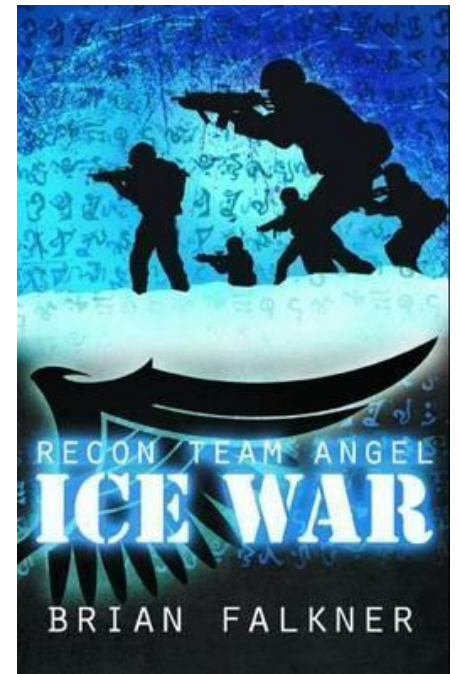
Certificates will be awarded this term to the students who successfully completed the 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) for Years 7 – 9. Students now have the opportunity to begin reading for the 2017 PRC. We have a huge range of fiction and non-fiction books to choose

from in the GHS Library. With new fiction and non-fiction books, magazines and graphic novels arriving all the time, there is sure to be something to interest everyone.

Recon Team Angel – Ice War #3

It is winter of 2033 and Recon Team Angel is on its most dangerous mission yet. On Little Diomed Island – the control centre for the Bering Strait – something is not right. An agent and two seal teams have vanished, and Recon Team Angel has been secreted into the frozen landscape to investigate. In these arctic wastelands, they will need every ounce of their courage and determination. If Bzadian forces manage to cross and enter the Americas, then the planet will be lost. Who will win the Ice War? Recon Team Angel undertake high-risk missions behind enemy lines. This is the third action-packed instalment in the best-selling four-part series by Brian Falkner.

Mrs Lynch – Teacher Librarian



CHROMEBOOKS

Please remember to bring your Chromebooks every day.



Yr 10 Agriculture and Primary Industries Excursion to Harwood Sugar Mill and Farm.

A group of enthusiastic agriculture students recently were treated to a tour round the Harwood Sugar Mill and Farm.

The mill was a very busy, noisy and hot place. We saw the harvested cane being delivered to the mill, crushed and all the juice was extracted. Much of the fibre that was left (called bagasse) was burned to generate electricity needed to run the facility. The juice was processed to produce firstly, raw sugar and then white refined sugar. The sugar is packaged into many different types of bags to support the different markets that are supplied.

This is the only fully Australian owned facility left and currently supplies all the sugar you see on the shelves at Woolworths, Aldi and IGA. The business is busy and they will soon be building a new, large distribution facility to handle all the products. Thousands of tonnes are also exported, which is great for our local economy and jobs in our area.

Even though the mill is quite old it is a very high tech facility in many ways and needs many skilled workers to keep it running smoothly.

A tour round the mill farm showed us all the different varieties that are tested and multiplied up for planting in this area.

We really appreciated the time that the friendly staff set aside to explain how sugar was processed from the field into the bags we buy off the shelf. We also liked taste testing the product at various stages throughout the facility. Thank you to Mr Smith, the Agronomist, and the Sunshine Sugar team for allowing us to see how the factory works and show us what an important part of our local economy this industry is.



Checking the quality of the product



Holly Logan trimming the cane



Riley Chevally, Holly Logan, Tiahna Woodward and Charlie Tyrell inspect the bagasse

New South Wales School Pupil Identification Card

Senior Secondary Student NSW Transport Concession Card (202)



Who gets
School Pupils aged 16, 17 18 years of age and over attending NSW/ACT schools.

Entitlement
(a) Child fare on all NSW TrainLink services.
(b) Must pay adult ancillary charges if travelling in a berth.
(c) Included in the family fare scheme.
(d) Not available on Queensland TravelTrain services and Victorian VLine services.

Issued by
NSW/ACT high schools under the direction of Passes & Concessions, 16-18 Wentworth Street, Parramatta 2150. Telephone 02 9891 8988

Lost card
Replaced by Manager Passes & Concessions: Telephone 02 9891 8988.
Prescribed fee \$25.00.
Reservations: Passenger Type CHD.

Navy Cadets Open Day

Saturday 29th October
11.00am - 2.00pm



What do Navy Cadets do?

Learn navigation, sailing, practical boat work, communications, signals and maritime skills
Have fun
Make new friends
Be part of a team
Experience adventurous challenges
Leadership and team building skills
Firearms safety and marksmanship
Learn Computer skills, First aid and Cooking
Drill and ceremonial skills
Citizenship

Just add water for fun, adventure and friendship. Navy Cadets love rivers and oceans of life!

For general ANC information go to:
www.navy.gov.au/about/forinformation/anc



T.S. SHROPSHIRE AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADETS

For youth from the year of their 13th Birthday to age 20.
Located at the northern end of Villiers Street in Grafton, near the entrance to the Coronian Park.

Parades are a weekly highlight: (1800-2100H-45) and Saturdays 1000 - 600HRS.
Contact: LEUT Peter Nixon on 02 6643 1959 or 0419 211 991 at any time.

Term 4

Week 5

7-11 Nov

Junior Exams

7 Nov

Science VALID Test

9 Nov

Year 12 Formal

Week 6

16 Nov

CV Careers Workshop
YR 10 & 11

18 Nov

Rewards Excursion
6-7 2017 Orientation Day

Week 7

20-27 Nov

Schools Spectacular Sydney

Week 8

27 Nov - 3 Dec

Heron Island Yr 11

Biology

1-2 Dec

QLD Uni Trip

2 Dec

Jaca Womens Luncheon

Week 9

6 Dec

MADD Performance

7 Dec

Presentation Night

Week 10

12 Dec

Activity Week

16 Dec

Last Day 2016 Students

20 Dec

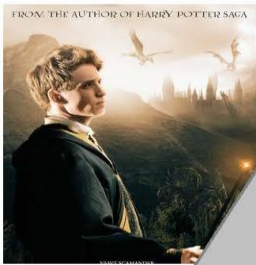
Staff Last Day 2016

FROM J. K. ROWLING'S
WIZARDING WORLD

FANTASTIC BEASTS

AND WHERE
TO FIND THEM

Thursday 17th November 6:30pm



Movie Night

\$14

Tickets can be purchased on
the night, but can also be
pre-ordered at the
Quad during Recess and Lunch

Fundraiser - In support of Grafton High School SRC and P+C