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Principal's Report

The previous two weeks have been extremely busy with our Year 12 students submitting major works in a variety of courses including Visual Arts, Textiles and Industrial Technology. Drama students also performed for HSC markers with Music fast approaching. The quality of these projects and performances is outstanding and it is a credit to the students and teachers that have supported them. I was fortunate to recently attend the HSC music performances held at the Saraton Theatre. It was great to see the number of family and friends that attended to see just what our students are capable of.

This also reminds me that our current Year 12 are quickly winding down as they reach the end of their schooling. At the end of this week we will be inducting the new captains for 2018 and see the passing of the baton from our current captains to our newly elected school leaders. It has been good to work with a dedicated group of prefects, vice captains and captains over the past twelve months.

Last week we hosted a professional development workshop for Google Education where teachers from around the North Coast attended to learn more about using Google in their teaching. This was nice recognition for the work that our staff have done in integrating Google and Chromebooks into our teaching strategies. It also provided an opportunity for our Hospitality students to cater for an event and we received nothing but positive feedback. Our coffee shop team at Spot On Coffee also stepped up and provided barista made coffee to around 40 people on top of their usual orders. I would like to thank all the students and staff that made this possible.

I also received positive feedback from staff at the Grafton Recycling Plant after students in Year 10 visited the facility as part of an excursion for Geography. They were praised for their interest, questioning and participation in the excursion. It is great to

hear this about students representing our school in the local community.

Wearing school uniform is part of our school culture and displays pride in our school. We have been trying to encourage students to comply with this and some parents may have received a letter indicating that their child has been out of uniform on numerous occasions. We are looking for your support in seeing all our students in correct school uniform.

This week is SASS recognition week and I would like to recognise the work that our SASS staff do on a daily basis. For many parents they are the first point of contact with our school and the support that they provide for our students in and outside the classroom is highly valued by our school community. From administration staff to our SLSO's that support our teachers and your children in the classroom every day, thank you.

Finally, as I write this my two Year 12 slaves, Mikayla O'Mahony and Tayla Lavender are currently doing their best to help out. As you can see from the photo they really dressed up for the occasion. The slave day has been a huge success with the students raising over \$2500 towards the Year 12 formal.

A fantastic effort.

Daniel Moar



AUSTRALIAN 真 HISTORY COMPETITION

Competition Winners

This year, the Grafton High School HSIE Faculty designated part of its budget toward paying for all Year 8 and 10 Gold and Select students to enter the Australian History Competition. This is a prestigious competition where students are given a range of sources, and are expected to utilise their own background knowledge and critical thinking to answer questions.

We had some fantastic results, as follows, **and huge congratulations to these students:**

High Distinction:

Isaac Huxley, Michael Hourn

Distinction:

Ben Luxton, Charlie Moar, Declan Cable, Kristen Scott, Tom Rowe, Emma Johnston, Jaiddin Carter, Kyle Dehnert, Oliver Westman

Credit:

Cassidi Bird, Khion Rose, Lachlan Firth, Laura Miles, Rianna Blake, Sophie Osborne, Tom Westman, Victoria Clark, Byron Maddock, Connor Rooke, James Deefholts, Jordan Gallagher and Mia Trevillian.



Pictured above are some of our High Distinction and Distinction Winners

Excursions

Year 9 Geography Washpool Excursion

As part of the Year 9 Geography Biomes unit, we recently visited the magnificent World Heritage Washpool National Park. On a magnificent Winter's day, the students had the chance to explore this beautiful environment, rock-hopping and trekking over, and sometimes into, the crystal clear creek. We were also treated to an informative talk by Ranger Koen, who brought with him an array of the unique animals that Washpool provides a habitat for. All 45 students were exceptionally well-behaved, bringing a no-waste lunchbox in order to leave this amazing place exactly as they found it.

Mr Robertson and Ms Reinten



Last week our Year 10 Gold Science class went out to Westlawn and Grafton Primary School for National Science Week. The Year 10 students taught Year 6 students some mini chemistry experiments ranging from magic filtration to making slime. These visits also allowed the Year 10 students to pass on their experiences about high school, answering many questions the Year 6 students have about coming to high school. Congratulations to Year 10 Gold Science students on your excellent teaching skills as well as being great ambassadors for our school.



Year 10 Waste Management Excursion

Year 10 Geography students spent the afternoon at the recycling centre in South Grafton to learn about where their waste goes, how it is treated and sorted. They discovered responsible waste management practices. Students said it was a visual impact to see where it goes and what a landfill sites looks like. Did you know, most coffee cups in Grafton can be put in the recycling bin? This is because it is sent to a facility which removes the plastic film.



Soil Collection Project

On Monday 21 August, the school captains attended the soil collection project at the Grafton Cenotaph. The Centenary of Anzac committee are collecting small amounts from First World War enlistment locations, which will feature in a new exhibition space at in the Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park, Sydney.

Further details about the Soil Collection Program and the Centenary Project can be found here:

<http://www.anzacmemorial.nsw.gov.au/anzac-memorial-centenary-project/soil-collection-program>



Sport

Girls Tennis Team- Bronze Medallists

The GHS Girls Tennis Team travelled to Nelson Bay to compete in the CHS Floris Conway State Finals. The team consisting of Georgia Allen, Tianna McGarvie, Whitney Moon and Celina McGarvie performed extremely well, representing the school at the highest level. Day one Grafton defeated Ulladulla HS before going down to Westfields Sports High in the final four of the State. Day two the girls played off for the Bronze Medal where they were successful in defeating Mackellar High School. All girls performed extremely well and are congratulated on this great achievement. Special mention to Georgia Allen, the Captain of the team, this was her final year after participating in the school team for her six years of schooling. We thank you Georgia for your commitment in participating in school sport for the past six years.



SEPTEMBER

WEEK 09

- 11 Year 7 Police Talks
- 12 Open Boys and Girls Hockey Finals

WEEK 10

- 18 Japanese Drumming Workshop
- 19 Year 12 Farewell Brunch
- 21 Year 12 Mystery Bus Tour
- 22 Year 12 Graduation Assembly

Community Notices

Year 12 Graduation Ceremony

The Graduation Assembly for Year 12, 2017 will be held on Friday 22 September.

There will be an informal assembly in the main quad at 9.20am. This is where Year 12 will be farewelled by the remainder of the student body.

The formal Graduation Assembly will commence at 10.30am in the MPC. This will followed by refreshments.

We look forward to seeing family and friends of Year 12 students on the day.



Is Shared Lives for YOU? Host Families Information Session

Date: Thursday 7 September 2017

Time: 6pm—7.30 pm

Venue: Pullen Centre, 3-7 Prince Street, Grafton

- Are you a person who believes in supporting people to live and play an active role in their community?
 - Do you have time to spare?
 - Do you have a spare bedroom in your house?
- Do you believe in the freedom of choice regardless of peoples ability?

Shared lives is a way of providing accommodation and family based support. It allows people to live independently without having to be alone. People who maybe older or who would like support to reach their full abilities.

You will receive a weekly allowance depending on the complexity of the support the customer requires from you and your family.

Light refreshments will be served!



Wanna see me fly?
You should buzz
CRANES

Spring into Engineering

A program for aspiring girls in Years 10, 11 and 12. Engineering is a diverse career for young women and the event will offer the opportunity to discover more about engineering careers.

Date: Thursday 28 September 2017

Time: 8.45am-2.45pm

Venue: Southern Cross University, Lismore campus

RSVP: 6 September, registration is essential as places are limited

For further information and to register, email engineering@scu.edu.au or visit scu.edu.au/engineering

SCU Discovery Days

An opportunity for new Year 12 students to discover career options and the range of degrees on offered across our three campuses.

Lismore campus: Tuesday, 24 October 2017

Coffs Harbour campus: Tuesday, 31 October 2017

STAR Early Entry for current Year 12 students closes Friday, 8 September 2017. More information and applications scu.edu.au/STAR

New degrees available now for study in 2018

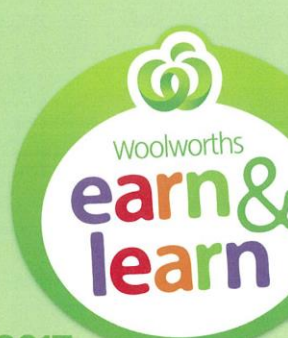
Bachelor of Digital Business
 Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Coastal Systems Engineering
 Bachelor of Laws and Creative Writing
 Bachelor of Psychological Science,
 Bachelor of Laws

Education degrees at Southern Cross University

are combined with a Bachelor of Arts to ensure a comprehensive foundation in relevant discipline areas of English, mathematics and science. Entry will be based on an indicative ATAR of 70 with no additional prerequisite entry requirements. Find out more at scu.edu.au/education

The Southern Cross University undergraduate course list 2018

contains information about courses, locations, major study areas, career opportunities and much more. Search all course info at scu.edu.au/courses



Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017

Dear Parents,

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017
 This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

South Services Cricket Club

Sign-on for juniors and seniors is Wednesday 13th September 4pm-5pm

JJ Lawrence Nets (Ryan Street)

Everyone is welcome

or contact Tom Kroehnert on 0488096707



or contact our facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/southservicescricketclub>

Brothers Cricket Club

Brothers Cricket Club Grafton is inviting all new and current junior players to a sign on day, 9th and 16th September 2017, 10:00 am at Ellem Oval nets. No experience required, come and have a bowl and a bat and see if you like it! Our junior players have a dedicated pathway to senior cricket, supported by female and male representative coaches and players. All equipment supplied, ages from under 10, 12, 14 and 16s. Hope to see you there! Contact Durand Hartz for more info on 0431 248 229 or find us on our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/Brothers-Cricket-Club-313607512860/>



Minni Water-Wooli Nippers

If you're thinking of introducing your child to surf life saving, then Minnie Water-Wooli Nippers is the best place to do so.

Surf life saving is an amazing activity for growing a child's confidence, knowledge and skills in the beach environment. Not only will your child have fun and meet new friends they will become part of an iconic organisation that has served the Australian community for over 100 years.

Nippers are the name given to the junior members of the surf club. They are aged 5 years and up to 14 years. Nippers start learning about Surf Life Saving and Surf Awareness through the Surf Ed program. Becoming a nipper is an important first step to becoming a Surf Life Saver. Emphasis is on participation and fun. Nippers usually commence in late September and go through to April and activities are held on Sunday mornings but not every week. A calendar will be published with dates and times in the coming month.

We are always looking for assistance on the beach and any volunteers will be given training in the Age Managers role. Without this help on the beach our activities just will not happen!

Anyone interested in helping out please contact Junior President – Angela Hinterholz on 0421 778 072 or jac@mwwslsc.org.au



Registration for the 2017/18 season is now open and is to be completed online only. Please visit our Facebook page, Grafton Athletics Club Inc, where you will find the link to register. Information sessions will be held at Terry West field, Junction Hill on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th September 2017 from 4pm. Competition commences Friday 13th October 2017.

Play Touch

Grafton Touch Football Summer Competition

Where: Jabour Park When: Wednesday Registrations: Online Begins: 18th October

MIXED Open Age division Year 7-9 division (high school)

Year 4-6 division (primary school)

Year 1-3 division (primary school)

(Juniors shirt provided)

graftontouch@gmail.com
www.graftontouch.sportingpulse.net



Can you provide safe accommodation for young people in your home on a temporary basis?

Social Futures and Pathfinders are Seeking Family Carers in the Clarence Valley.

Connecting You supports young people aged 12-15 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. This includes providing accommodation in a safe, home environment while we support them develop positive directions in their lives.

We have opportunities for **Family Carers** from all walks of life who:

- live in Clarence Valley
- have a spare room in their home
- are interested in and respect young people
- are flexible, tolerant and understanding
- have time to spend with a young person one on one
- want to make a difference
- don't have young children at home; and
- own a comprehensively insured car.



Ideally, you will have experience with teenagers as a parent, a teacher or in a similar role. You may have recently retired or be working from home. In any case, full training and support is offered for the right candidates. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are particularly encouraged to apply.

These positions offer generous tax-free allowances all year round and additional payments for each night's accommodation you provide. Placements are for a maximum of 28 days at a time.

For more information please call Jennifer Parke on 02 6620 1800, or visit our website

www.socialfutures.org.au/family-carers



APPRENTICESHIPS WITH ESSENTIAL ENERGY

We are currently seeking men and women for Powerline Worker and Electrical Technician Apprenticeships across regional NSW. If you're looking for a career that is diverse and challenging, this may be the opportunity for you.

For more information and to apply, visit essentialenergy.com.au/apprentices
 Applications open Friday, 18 August and close Friday, 8 September 2017.

Essential Energy is committed to building a culturally diverse and inclusive workplace and strongly encourages applicants to apply regardless of gender, age, sexual orientation or disability. As an organisation, our aim is to champion inclusivity in the workplace and celebrate the difference in all our employees.

POWER YOUR CAREER
 THINK SAFE • WORK SMART • MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Children's Health the Priority: Energy Drinks Banned

Just a reminder to parents/guardians and students that Energy Drinks such as Red Bull, Mother, V and Rockstar are banned in NSW schools by the Department of Education. These drinks have been proven to have a negative affect on student's health and learning. Students with these drinks at school will have them confiscated. Some of these drinks have more then 108 grams of sugar (22 teaspoons) and 240 mg of Caffeine (3 standard coffees).

**food for thought
study nights for HSC students**

yep, due to popular demand your grafton & maclean libraries will be opening their doors til late to be utilised as a study space for HSC students only.

HSC students will be able to access the library collections, Wi-Fi, free printing & photocopying to help cram in some last minute study away from the distractions at home.

your libraries will also be offering refreshments to help keep energy levels up.



graffton library 5:30 - 8:00 pm tuesday july 4th
5:30 - 8:00 pm tuesday sept 26th
maclean library 1:00 - 4:00 pm wednesday sept 27th

**...free wi-fi,
free printing!**

(that's a lot of frees)