



# Grafton High School

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### Useful Contacts:

- Kids Helpline (1800 551 800)
- Lifeline (13 11 14)
- HEADSPACE (1800 650 890)
- eheadspace.org.au

### Principal's Report

As many of you would have seen in the Daily Examiner, we were extremely fortunate to have Dr Harvey Cohen visit the school recently. Dr Cohen presented the school with an antenna that his wife, Dr Elizabeth Essex-Cohen used in her work which was part of the development of GPS that we know and use today.

Dr Essex-Cohen was a world renowned physicist and her work is widely recognised in the science field. In the coming months we will be mounting a plaque beneath the antenna to inform students of its importance and links to Dr Essex-Cohen as an ex student of Grafton High School.

I would like to thank Dr Harvey Cohen for his generosity, not only with the antenna but also his time spent with students passing on his knowledge of the history and development of this technology.



### NAPLAN online

During week 9 of this term all students in Years 7 and 9 will participate in the NAPLAN Online trial. This trial will see students complete the test using a laptop computer. NAPLAN Online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information. Assessments will use an adaptive 'tailored test design', which gives students questions better suited to their achievement level. This form of testing will help teachers customise their teaching more specifically to student needs.

Further information regarding this will be provided to students and parents prior to the trial.

### Tell Them From Me

Grafton High has participated in the Tell Them From Me survey for several years and students in all years will complete this again in the coming weeks. This survey provides us with direct feedback on key areas within the school. During this survey period we will be asking that parents also participate in a Parent version. Further information regarding this will be sent home shortly.

### Energy Drinks

There has been an increase in the number of students bringing energy drinks to school. Many students are drinking these just prior to the beginning of the school day and we are seeing some students feeling physically ill as a result. Any student that has these drinks at school will have them confiscated. If students need something in the morning then I recommend that they visit the Breakfast Club which operates each morning in the Food Technology Kitchen.

**Daniel Moar**

## National Tree Day Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August



Grafton High's Year 9 Cultural Discoveries class have been given the task of looking after our Bush Tucker Garden in T block. Students helped clear out and weed the beds, prepping for the arrival of the new plants. Lilly Pillies, Native Ginger, Sweet Apple and Midgen Berries are just some of the new additions.



## Work Experience



By Jarrad McPherson

I did work experience at Smiles Cafe and I had a great time. Some of the tasks I was asked to carry out were washing up, dishwasher, taking orders, making coffees, waiting tables, clearing tables and preparing food in the kitchen. I got to experience what it is like to work in a busy café and I learned a lot.

*For information about the Year 10 Work Experience Program, see Miss Benkendorf.*

## STEM Year 7

This past semester two Year 7 Classes, 7G and 7S, have been participating in a pilot STEM program. The students have four periods a fortnight in which they are following the STEM process of research, understanding, designing, testing, analysis and evaluation to complete a project design brief. So far students have completed a paper plane challenge where they had to design a plane that carried the greatest amount of money in coins. The second project was to design a pop pop boat that was cost effective as well as efficient. The next project is a robotics project using Edison robots where the students will learn coding skills.



## Sport



Jamie Plunkett with evidence of her successful participation in the Special Olympics  
Gold - 100m Backstroke  
Silver - 50m Butterfly and 4x50 Medley Relay  
Bronze – 100m Freestyle



Congratulations to Melissa Davies and Laila Cox who both did an excellent job representing Grafton High School and the North Coast at the NSW CHS Gymnastics



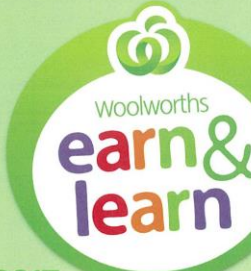
## Championships.

GenHealth Inc has been selected as the successful lead agency to establish and run Grafton headspace centre.

GenHealth demonstrates strong clinical expertise and has experience running headspace Coffs Harbour for more than eight years. GenHealth will establish and operate a service for the youth of Clarence Valley that will best respond to their needs.

The Clarence Valley has identified youth mental health as an important priority. This will now become a reality.





### 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](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn).



## Library News

*Book Week 2017* celebrations occur during August 21-25. The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge and The Arts Unit are proud to make available the 20 wonderful author and illustrator videos that first aired as part of Bookfest in June 2017. Videos feature 20 great local and international authors, including **Mem Fox, Aaron Blabey, Jackie French, Lauren Child, Kate DiCamillo, Jacqueline Harvey and many more!** Tune into the PRC's Author Video Portal through the following link: <http://nswprc-videos.com/>

*The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge* aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The 2017 PRC closes in one week, on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August. *The Library Reading Challenge* also closes on 25<sup>th</sup> August. Students completing the LRC have the opportunity to read a wide range of literature. All students who successfully complete a reading challenge will receive an award next term.

Mrs Lynch – Teacher Librarian

*"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island."* Walt Disney

### Featured Author

In the early days of his writing career, Joseph Delaney worked as a teacher at a Sixth Form College and prior to that was employed as an engineer. Joseph is now a full-time writer living in Lancashire, in the heart of Boggart territory. He first got the idea for the Wardstone Chronicles series when he moved to the village where he now lives and discovered there was a local 'boggart'.

He made a note in his notebook 'a story about a man who hunts boggarts' and years later, when he had to come up with an idea at short notice, developed this into 'The Spook's Apprentice', the first book in the series.

He continues to draw upon the folklore of Lancashire and has acquired much local knowledge over the years which he tweaks and modifies to create his fictional world. Another source of inspiration has been Lancashire's varied and atmospheric landscape.

Joseph describes his method of writing as a process of discovery. He doesn't plot too far ahead and often doesn't know what is going to happen until he writes it down. In other words he makes it up as he goes along. He prefers writing dialogue to description, in which he says he is a minimalist and leaves much to the reader's imagination.

## Its disco time again!

**When:** Wednesday, 23 August

**Time:** 6:30pm - 9:30pm

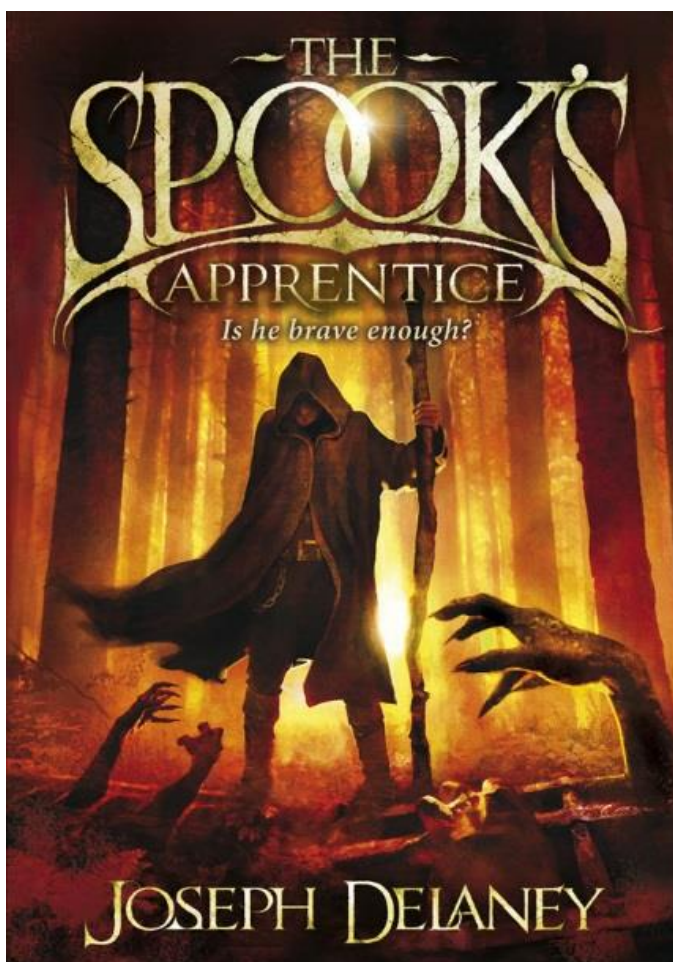
**Theme:** "Back to the Future".

**Entry:** \$5.00

Students can purchase a ticket in advance from their SRC representative in the main quad.

Tickets can also be purchased on the night.

Pre-bought tickets can be traded in on the night for a free drink at the canteen!



Source:

[http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/146374.Joseph\\_Delaney](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/146374.Joseph_Delaney)

AUGUST

WEEK 06

- 22 Year 12 Formal Fundraiser - Bake Sale  
CHS Boys Hockey  
Year 9 Stellar Day – SCU Coffs Harbour
- 23 School Disco – 6.30pm to 9.30pm
- 25 Year 9 Washpool Park HSIE Excursion

## Community Notices

School Newsletter Info



### SCU Open Days

Southern Cross University invites Grafton High School students and their parents to our Open Days to sample campus life, and explore study options and career opportunities.

Join us on campus for workshops and presentations, campus tours, food options, live music and entertainment.

**Gold Coast campus:  
Sunday 13 August**

**Lismore campus:  
Sunday 20 August**

**Coffs Harbour campus and National Marine Science Centre:  
Sunday 27 August**

For more information, registration and details on the event programs, please visit [scu.edu.au/opendays](http://scu.edu.au/opendays)

**SCU STAR Early Entry** enables Year 12 students to gain early admission to Southern Cross University on the basis of their school Principal's recommendation. STAR Early Entry matches an individual student to a particular Southern Cross University course based on their likelihood of success in their chosen discipline. Applications for current Year 12 students are now open for study in 2018. For more information, please contact your Career Adviser or refer to [scu.edu.au/STAR](http://scu.edu.au/STAR)

Keep up to date with our events by following us at [SCU Future Student Facebook page](#)



### Second Hand Saturday: biggest garage sale day of the year

The north coast's biggest coordinated garage sale day of the year is on once again on **Saturday 23 September**. With over 1000 garage sales as part of last year's event, Second Hand Saturday is set to be bigger and better than ever with hundreds of second hand shoppers looking for a bargain across Ballina, Byron, Clarence Valley, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley and Tweed council areas.

It's **free** to register to hold a garage sale. Register now at [www.seconhandsaturday.com.au](http://www.seconhandsaturday.com.au) or by phoning your local Council and your garage sale will be advertised and promoted for free. An optional 'leftovers' day will also be held on Saturday 30 September so you have double the chance to sell your stuff.

With millions of tonnes of waste being sent to landfill by Australian households each year, holding a garage sale is about much more than just clearing the clutter and earning extra cash or fundraising for your club. It's a great way to join the war on waste and help reduce landfill by giving people the chance to reuse and recycle your pre-loved goods.

Keep up to date by following Second Hand Saturday on [Facebook](#). Choose to reuse – it's how we roll on the north coast!  
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### 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



**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.

clareance VALLEY COUNCIL | your library your guide



**...free wi-fi,  
free printing!**  
(that's a lot of frees)

grafton 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