



# Grafton High School

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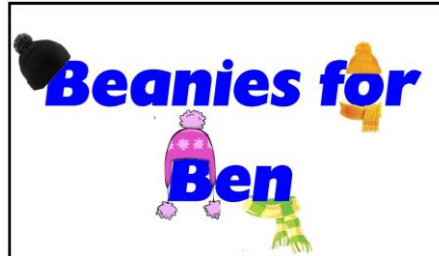
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## Useful Contacts:

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

## Principal's Report



We have recently had unfortunate news that one of our students, Ben Baker-Whalley in Year 10, has been diagnosed with a brain tumour. Ben's family remain positive as to treatment but it will involve Ben and family members being away from home for some time to undertake this treatment. Our thoughts go out to Ben and his family and we wish him a full recovery. To support Ben and family the school will be partnering with Grafton Primary School to hold a "Beanies for Ben" day this Friday 29 June. Students are invited to wear a beanie (or a scarf or gloves or all of the above) and bring along a gold coin donation to support the family. This is in addition to normal school uniform.

### Go Art a Success

Those of you lucky enough to be able to see the Go Art exhibition will realise what an outstanding success it continues to be. With more than 400 entries this year, it continues to be a popular event in the Clarence Valley, attracting entries from a number of schools and individuals.

The winner of the Lewis Ellem prize for "Most Outstanding Art Award" was Julianne Gosper for her Acrylic painting – "I only have eyes for you".



The winner of the "Most Outstanding Student Art Work" was Ella Frelander for her drawing entitled "In the cold, cold night".



I was remiss at the awards ceremony in failing to mention the ongoing contribution of P&C to this event. Go Art is a Grafton High School P&C run event that supports the development of the creative arts in students across the Clarence Valley. At the awards ceremony I thanked the many sponsors of Go Art, without whom there would be no prizes or competition. I also need to acknowledge the many volunteers who made the event possible: *Diane Rose (P&C President), Louisa Rose, Anne Simpson, Scott Townley, Heike Maleshenka, Karla Hubbard, Simon Chambers-Ward (P&C Treasurer), Christine Wright (P&C Secretary), Jenny Sneesby (Canteen Supervisor), Sharyn and Paige Ellem, Ellen Palmer, Julianne Gosper, Richard and Astrid Green, Paula and Natasha Clausen, Malcolm King and Julie McKenzie.*

Finally, a big thank you again to Cassie Palmer for her leadership and organisation.

### Congratulations Mr Hartmann

I am very pleased to announce that Mr Hartmann has been successful in being appointed as the new Head Teacher PDHPE, replacing Mr Hillery, who retired at the end of last year.



## Years 8-10 Selective Class placements 2019

Application forms are now available online for student placement in selective classes for 2019. This is a state-wide process for all selective and partially selective high schools. Applications are returned to the school front office and close on Friday 27 July. The outcome of this process is normally communicated to parents late August or early September.

The application forms and process for selective class placement is available from the following website:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/years-8-to-12>

The school currently only has room for placements in Years 9 and 10 in 2019. Years 7 and 8 will be full. The application assessment criteria and the supporting documentation required are explained on the school website:

<http://www.grafton-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/selective-school/how-to-apply>

For your reference, the criteria for selection relate to exceptional academic performance across three areas:

- English
- Mathematics
- Problem Solving

Copies of the following types of evidence should be attached to an application:

- Most recent yearly school academic report and half-yearly academic report
- Most recent NAPLAN results (summary page with achievement bands in each of the assessment strands)
- Other recent evidence of excellence in academic performance (such as awards or achievement in external academic competitions and testing)

## Subject and School Contributions

A reminder to parents that we still have a number of students with outstanding financial contributions. These include the Voluntary School Contribution as well as contributions for individual practical subjects. Whilst the school contribution is not mandatory, the subject contributions pay for the consumable items your child uses in a practical subject. Without payment of the subject contribution, we cannot continue to supply a student with consumable materials and they need to be given alternative, non-practical tasks to complete. Parents experiencing genuine financial difficulty are encouraged to apply for an exemption from subject contributions. The form for this can be obtained from the school front office. Your assistance in this is greatly appreciated.

*Peter South – Principal*

## Anti-Racism Contact officer (ARCO)

The NSW Department of Education's Anti-Racism Policy constitutes a no-tolerance attitude for racism in NSW public schools. To ensure this, every public school is required to have a trained Anti-Racism Complaint Officer (ARCO) to attend to any complaints of racism by students, staff or parents. Grafton High's ARCO for 2018 is also the school Student Support Officer, Nikki Davies.

The role of ARCO and the Department's Anti-Racism Policy is not simply about addressing complaints if and when they arise, it is also about recognising the intent and impact of racism on educational outcomes, individual happiness and self-confidence, school climate, cultural identity, school and community relations and student behaviour. It is about understanding that perpetuating a culture of silence and denial that racism occurs simply normalises inappropriate and unacceptable behaviour. Breaking the cycle of silence and denial is a crucial first step in rejecting racism and building the confidence of all members of our school community.

Students and staff can make complaints in relation to racism, on their own or on someone else's behalf, directly to the ARCO. A process of investigating, managing and resolving the complaint is then initiated. Complaints may be managed informally (by the ARCO) or formally (by executive staff) depending on the nature of the complaint and/or who it involves.

Anyone who feels they are experiencing racism at school is encouraged to contact Nikki Davies. Nikki is located in the learning loft at the top of the school library.

*Nikki Davies – GHS ARCO*

## Upcoming Events

### TERM 2

#### WEEK 9

25/6 Yr 12 Business Study Day

26/6 MNC Dance Festival

2019 HSC Subject Selection -  
7pm – 8pm in MPC

27/6 MNC Dance Festival

Debating – Maclean HS

28/6 Yr 8 Languages excursion -  
Brisbane

#### WEEK 10

2/7 NAIDOC week

6/7 Yr 12 Chemistry Study Day  
Last day – term 2

## Teams Against Humanity

Based on the popular card game for horrible people...

Cards Against Humanity played in teams of four

Strictly 16/Yrs and over

## FUNDRAISER

for local golfer

### Willow Harris

recently selected to represent the North Coast in the CHS golf championships and Jack Newton Junior Golf's North V's South Cup, in Sydney.

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> of June 6:30pm - Team Registration 7pm - Start**

**Post Office Hotel South Grafton - venue will be closed to the public**

Drinks and snack foods available for purchase

Prizes to be won

Tickets available from [EB Games Shopping World](#) or [Post Office Hotel South Grafton](#)

**Team of 4 - \$50**

**Single ticket - \$12.50 and we will put you in a team**

**TICKETS ARE LIMITED – SO GET IN QUICK**

## Applications now open for the 2019 Entry Level Talent Programs

**Do you know someone interested in joining our Graduate, Cadet or Scholar programs? Spread the word.**

External applications for the 2019 intake of Transport cluster Graduates are now open!

Our Entry Level Talent Programs provide people with the opportunity to join our team and gain professional experience on some of our biggest projects and services across the cluster.

Each year, one of the best ways we recruit Entry Level Talent Participants is through our current employees, who exhibit our values and understand what it's like to work within the Transport cluster.

If you know someone who meets the eligibility criteria of the Graduate, Cadet or Scholar Programs, please encourage them to apply.

### **Graduates**

Are those who have completed or are completing their final year of an undergraduate degree at university. Find out more about [what we look for in graduates](#).

### **Cadets**

Are those completing their degree between December 2018 – December 2019. Find out more about [what we look for in cadets](#).

### **Scholars**

Are those currently completing year 12 at the end of this year or who are in their first year of a bachelor's degree at university. Find out more about [what we look for in scholars](#).

## **How to apply**

If you know someone interested in applying for the 2019 Graduate program

[2019 Graduate Program - Engineering and Environment](#)

[2019 Graduate Program - Business](#)

[2019 Graduate Program - IT](#)

[2019 Graduate Program - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander](#)

### **Graduate program applications**

Open - Friday, 15 June 2018

Close – Sunday, 8 July 2018

### **Cadet and Scholar program applications**

Open - Friday, 13 July 2018

Close – Sunday, 5 August 2018

## **More information**

For further information, please contact [Entry Level Talent Programs](#).



Transport  
Roads & Maritime  
Services

# July holidays

9th - 20th july



## **bush tucker talk & tasting**

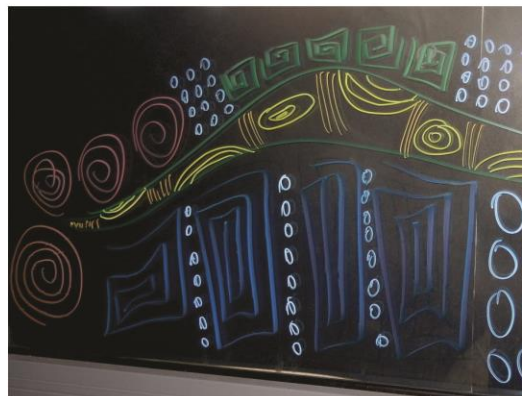
grafton wed 18th jul 10:30am-11:30am

## **NAIDOC storytime**

grafton thurs 12th jul 10:30am-11:30am

## **a splash of spanish**

learn basic spanish  
language and stories  
yamba mon 16th jul  
10:30am-11:30am  
ages 6+



## **Dungeons and Dragons**

grafton sat 14th jul  
1-6pm  
ages 12+



## **bag your own boomerang bag**

paint your own  
free boomerang  
bag  
grafton tues 10th jul  
10:30am-12noon  
iluka wed 11th jul  
2:30pm-4pm  
ages 6+

**aboriginal window art space**  
add your art anytime



## **drama games**

grafton tues 17th jul 2:30pm-3:30pm  
maclean thurs 19th jul 2:30pm-3:30pm  
ages 8+

