



# Grafton High School

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School Newsletter  
Week 7 – Term 3, 2019

## Principals Report

### Security Cameras

In newsletters last year I mentioned that we were seeking to install security cameras around the school. It was an initiative which was discussed with parents at P&C meetings and with school staff. I am pleased to announce that we have just completed the installation of 30 security cameras and an associated security system. The cameras have been installed only in public areas of the school such as entrances, administration foyer, canteen, key playground areas and some areas of the library. No cameras are installed in classrooms, toilets or any area where privacy is of a particular concern. There will be no direct monitoring of the cameras but we will be able to recall footage if there is an incident inside or outside of school hours. The purpose of this system is not to catch out anyone doing the wrong thing, but rather to act as a deterrent, out of hours for vandalism or theft; and inside of hours for theft, vandalism, truancy or playground incidents. Access to camera footage will be limited to senior executive staff only. There is no storage of images or data offsite and no footage will be published. These cameras will feed to a system that will record footage on a loop and all stored footage is wiped after a matter of days to make way for new footage. The system will not be used until we have completed the installation of appropriate signage around the school and school entrances.

### Tell Them From Me Survey

The school is again participating in the state-wide annual Tell Them From Me survey. The Tell Them From Me Survey is a complete evaluation system for measuring student engagement, well-being, classroom climate, and other factors known to affect learning outcomes. Information is captured from students, parents and teachers to inform school policy and practice.

Students have already completed a survey in Term 1 of this year and they are in the process of completing the second follow-up survey. Teachers are also in the process of completing surveys. Parents have the opportunity to complete the survey and I would encourage all parents to do so. The survey will remain open until Friday 25 October 2019 and can be accessed via the following link:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/9f5b7>

## Country Universities Centre

This week I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the opening of the Grafton Country Universities Centre. The Country Universities Centre website describes the aim of this centre as “making tertiary education more accessible for regional and remote communities in New South Wales”. The Centre provides students with “access to campus-level technology, facilities, tutors and a network of fellow students”. The facilities are certainly impressive, and this centre will be a great resource for local university students engaged in online courses. It was great to hear one of our parents talking of how they are already using the centre to support their tertiary study. I want to thank our senior Hospitality students for their assistance serving food at the opening. Hopefully, some of these students will be among those of our future Grafton High School graduates who will be able to make use of this facility to support them in their tertiary studies.



## Teach.NSW Scholarships

Currently, there is a shortage of teachers in NSW; in particular, high school teachers in some specialist subject areas, such as Mathematics, for example. I would like to make all parents and students aware of the “Teach.NSW” scholarships for future teachers being offered by the NSW Department of Education:

### Scholarships for future teachers are now open

The NSW Department of Education is offering a range of scholarship opportunities for high achieving students entering teacher education degrees after their HSC. Applications are now open for 2020 scholarships for future teachers.

The scholarship programs for future teachers offer a range of benefits, including financial support whilst studying and a guaranteed permanent teaching position in a NSW public school on successful completion of studies.

The scholarship programs for future teachers include:

- Teacher Education Scholarships
- Teacher Education Scholarships - Aboriginal
- teach.Rural Scholarships

## teach.MathsNOW Scholarships are now open

Parents and carers, this is for you. Do you know an industry professional or current university student in a career area requiring tertiary studies in mathematics - for example, in engineering, accounting, finance or IT - who would make a great secondary mathematics teacher? The teach.MathsNOW Scholarship offers an opportunity to change career path and retrain as a mathematics teacher in a NSW public school.

teach.MathsNOW scholars will receive up to \$50,000 in equivalent upfront course contribution fees, paid part-time employment during studies and a guaranteed permanent teaching position in a NSW public school on successful completion.

To find out more about these and other great opportunities, please visit the [teach.NSW website](https://www.teach.nsw.edu.au) and follow the teach.NSW social channels ([Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/teach.nsw), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/teach.nsw), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/teach.nsw)).

### **Furniture for Sale by Tender**

The school has surplus library furniture now that we have upgraded the learning loft in the library with new furniture for our senior students. This furniture is now being put out to public tender. The tender process means that any individuals can make an offer to the school for the purchase of one of these items. These offers should be made by emailing the school email address. Once tenders close I will accept the highest offers. I am proposing that tenders close Friday 13 September and that all items be collected by end of term.

The available furniture items are as follows (pictures right/below):

- 8 corner computer tables
- double-sided bookshelves on wheels
- double-sided bookshelves on feet
- 1 low circular revolving display
- several single study desks with a high back.



*Peter South - Principal*

## UNE Rural Scholars Winter School 2019

In the last school holidays Natasha Clausen in Year 11 was accepted into the UNE Rural Scholars Winter School for Medicine. This was an opportunity for Natasha to experience a taste of the study and learning required to reach her goal of becoming a Doctor of Medicine. She was one of only sixteen students accepted into the program and students came from as far as Mildura to attend. Over the 4 days, she learnt about and participated in numerous areas of medicine including: anatomy, emergency medicine, intubation, obstetrics, patient assessments, physiotherapy, psychology, rural generalist practices, sonography and trauma medicine. It was such a great opportunity for Natasha and one she thoroughly enjoyed. It is encouraging to see students take all opportunities offered to them to reach their learning potential and we wish Natasha all the best in achieving her goal.



### Mrs Scott - Year 11 Advisor



## North Coast CHS Athletics



*Boys 13yrs 4 x 100m winning relay team from the North Coast Carnival: Jack Leeson, Jimmy Ford, Marcus Makejev & Bobby Hart*

## Grafton High School Rowing

The 2019 - 2020 rowing season has commenced. All existing rowers and new rowers are welcome to start training. For all existing rowers training sessions will be as follows:

Wednesday mornings 6:00am - 7:30am

Thursday mornings 6:00am – 7:30am

Fridays afternoons 4:00pm – 5:30pm (ONLY Term 3)

Saturday mornings 7:00am – 8:30am (NEW Rowers should attend this session to get started)

### Learn to Row

Learn to row sessions will be held on Saturday mornings from 7am - 8:30am at the Grafton Rowing sheds for anyone interested in trying rowing as a sport.

Membership forms can be collected from Mr Dewberry at the Rowing sheds.

## Southern Cross University Events and Programs

### STAR Early Offer

Take advantage of Southern Cross University's STAR Early Offer program, available exclusively to Year 12 students. You can pursue your dream degree or simply expand your options. This free program allows you to find out whether you have an offer into university before your ATAR/OP is released, based on your schools recommendation. An application will take you under 5 minutes but be quick as applications close 13 September 2019!

### Head-Start

Applications are now open for Southern Cross University's Head-Start program. Students who are currently in Year 10 or 11 are encouraged to apply now to start in 2020. On the completion of the program and Year 12 studies, students will have a guaranteed offer into a Southern Cross University degree. For more information on eligibility, please visit [scu.edu.au/headstart](http://scu.edu.au/headstart).



**Employment opportunities  
for job seekers!**

**CLARENCE VALLEY  
JOBS  
EXPO**

**THURS 3 OCTOBER  
FROM 10AM-1PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
GRAFTON**

**Are you based in the Clarence Valley and looking for work?**

**Are you interested in the following jobs?**

Trades, Admin & Support workers, Trainers, Managers, Cleaners, Apprentices, Case Officers and trainees.

**Come and meet local businesses and find out about these jobs and many more local opportunities.**

Head over to [www.clarence.nsw.gov.au/jobsexpo](http://www.clarence.nsw.gov.au/jobsexpo) or search for **Clarence Valley Job Expo** on Facebook.

Bring hard copies of your resume or have them available to send to employer's from your phone.




**PHOTO BOOTH**

**SUMO SUITS**

**ART & ACTIVITIES**

**Bulgarr Ngaru  
Medical Aboriginal Corporation**

**RUOK? COMMUNITY DAY**

**FREE EVENT**

**BBQ LUNCH AND SNACKS**

**INFORMATION STALLS**

**#RUOKstrongertogether**

**MARKET SQUARE  
Grafton  
11am - 2pm**

**11 SEPTEMBER**

for more information contact  
Bulgarr Ngaru on 02 6643 2199

**headspace**

**OUR HEALTHY CLARENCE**

A WALK FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

# World MENTAL HEALTH Day



redalfalfa.com.au

8 OCT 2019  
6-9AM MEET AT  
FORD PARK YAMBA

10 OCT 2019  
6-9AM BARNIER  
PARK,  
JUNCTION HILL

FREE LIGHT BREKKY  
FREE BANDANAS



# TOUCH FOOTY

REGISTRATIONS OPEN

**PLAY AT:** GRAFTON TOUCH ASSOCIATION

**LOCATION:** JABOUR PARK, Vere St (South Grafton)

**FOR MORE INFO:** [www.graftontouch.sportingpulse.net](http://www.graftontouch.sportingpulse.net)

**SEASON STARTS FROM:** Wednesday 16th October

**COMPETITION NIGHT/S:**

U9's, U12's, U15's, MIXED OPEN



**GO TO [PLAYNRLTOUCH.COM.AU](http://PLAYNRLTOUCH.COM.AU)**





**TWO FREE COACHING SESSIONS FOR NEW RIDERS** to gain basic bike skills and confidence to ride on the BMX track. Arrive at 9:30 for 10:00am - 11:30am session or arrive at 12.30 for the 1pm - 2.30pm session. **SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Ride In2BMX is a fun and engaging way to ride BMX as a sport during an introductory session at your local Clarence Valley BMX Club. Ride In2BMX is **FREE** and **FUN** event to attend. During Ride In2BMX, participants learn the basics of riding a BMX track from accredited BMX Australia coaches in an encouraging environment. All riders who take to the track are covered by BMX Australia's rider insurance.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF RIDE IN2BMX**

- ❖ Teaches the basic skills needed to safely negotiate a track
- ❖ Conducted under the watchful eye of an accredited coach
- ❖ Caters for all ages! We have riders as young as 2yrs old, through to 65+
- ❖ Complementary BMXA Show bag
- ❖ Have lots of fun

### **WHAT TO BRING**

- ❖ **A good working order bike** (Bike size can be from a 16 inch BMX to 26 inch mountain bike or strider balance bikes for the young ones)
- ❖ **Safety Gear**
  - Bike helmet (full face)
  - Long pants and long sleeve shirt, shoes and socks that cover the ankle, gloves.

*If you do not have some of the safety gear, ask at the canteen on the day as we do have a limited number of helmets and gloves to loan out*

- ❖ **Our Canteen will be open for light refreshments & Sausage sizzle**

This is a great opportunity for anyone who rides a bike and is interested in having a ride on a BMX race track. Riders of all ages from 2 years & up can join in the fun and have a ride around the BMX track. BMX is not just for the boys - the number of girls riding and racing BMX bikes is on the increase throughout Australia. Our Track is home to the current World number 3, Tahlia Marsh!

The great thing about BMX as a sport is that the whole family can get involved, and all the family can do the same sport at the one place and time. Riders and spectators will experience the thrills and excitement of this family orientated sport.

**The Clarence Valley BMX Club is located at the corner of Abbott and Vere Streets in South Grafton.** More information is available on the **Clarence Valley BMX Club's Facebook page** or call Club President Marnie on 0459837270.



**Joey Scouts**

**GRAFTON SCOUT GROUP**  
**WWW.GRAFTONSCOUTGROUP.COM.AU**



**Scouts**

**WE ARE URGENTLY  
LOOKING FOR  
VOLUNTEERS, YOU  
DON'T HAVE TO HAVE  
CHILD IN SCOUTING TO  
VOLUNTEER**



Do you want

- Leadership and Management Qualifications
- discovering adventure

- contributing to your local community

**WE URGENTLY NEED LEADERS IN THE FOLLOWING**

- JOEYS AGES 5 TO 7 (2 X LEADERS NEEDED)

- CUBS AGES 8 TO 11 ( ASSISTANT LEADERS NEEDED)

SCOUTS AGES 11 TO 14 (BOTH LEADER AND ASSISTANT LEADER)

- VENTURERS AGES 14 TO 18 (2 X LEADERS) MALE OR FEMALE FOR ALL SECTIONS

**WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING**

(YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE A CHILD IN SCOUTING TO DO ANY OF THESE ROLES )

- GROUP SECRETARY
- HALL MAINTENANCE OFFICER
- EQUIPMENT OFFICER
- COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS



**Cub Scouts**



**Venturer Scouts**



**ARE YOU OVER 18 AND  
INTERESTED IN HELPING  
YOUTH TO ACHIEVE?**



**info@graftonscoutgroup.com.au**

# World Peace Day Event



Keynote speaker

**Ali Kadri**

Social Cohesion Activist

Ali Kadri may be best known to Northern Rivers folk from the 2018 SBS series "The Mosque Next Door".

*"For people who don't know about Muslims or have never met a Muslim, they might be shocked at how similar all of our stories and lives are."*

He has been instrumental in creating channels for open, transparent and respectful communication for all Australians not just Muslim Australians.

Come along to hear Ali speak, chat with him, ask questions and join the conversation. All welcome

Saturday September 21 2019

Headspace - 59 Duke Street Grafton, NSW 2460

11.00am - 1.00pm - Refreshments will be provided

Come Talk  
With Us  
-  
*Not About Us*



Please RSVP  
via eventbrite:  
World Peace Day  
Event – Grafton  
Contact Rathi Ramanathan  
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