



Newsletter

Grafton High School

Term 2 Week 10 2021

From the Principal's Desk

Student Success

As we reach the halfway mark of the year, it does feel like time is flying, but it is interesting to reflect on the success that our students have achieved so far this year. From individual and team sporting success, to extracurricular activities, to traineeships and apprenticeships, and to some wonderful outcomes being achieved in classes. I am proud to lead a school with so many positive facets and areas of student success.

New Deputy Principal Announced

In further developing our leadership team at the school, we have appointed a new Deputy Principal who will start later in the year. Brenda Baker will begin work at GHS in Term 4 this year as our new substantive Deputy Principal. Brenda grew up in Grafton, and we look forward to her returning, bringing with her a wealth of expertise and experience gained from her many years as Deputy Principal at Killarney Heights High School.



Staffing Shortage Challenges

As you may be aware, we have struggled at times this term to staff some classes and lessons due to a state-wide shortage of available temporary and casual teaching staff, and lack of staff available for appointment in some specific subject areas. We have continued to pursue creative solutions to maintain some meaningful learning activities during periods of time where classes need to be collapsed and supervised together, and we thank students for their cooperative and responsible behaviour during this time. We are continuing the search for suitably skilled permanent, temporary and casual staff within the parameters of the NSW Department of Education recruitment processes to provide stability in the learning environment for all our students.

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Improving Student Outcomes

As we move into second semester, I urge all families to continue to use measures such as our fortnightly summaries to actively discuss and have a genuine interest in learning and school activities. This is proven by research to improve student engagement and educational outcomes. We also intend to continue to improve our attendance rates across all year groups, increasing the proportion of students attending 90% of the time or more.

I hope all students and families are able to enjoy a restful break and find time to spend together, and look forward to an equally successful second semester in 2021.

Scott Dinham
Principal

NAIDOC Week at GHS

As part of Grafton High's NAIDOC Week celebrations, we have spent two mornings at Westlawn and Grafton Public School. The Year 11 Aboriginal Studies class have read their Dreaming stories to attentive classes of Year 2 students, and the Bangarra School Dance Group have performed their new piece. Both mornings were fantastic, and have helped to spread the 'Heal Country' theme in our community.





Grafton Community of Schools NAIDOC Week Public Speaking Competition

On Tuesday 22 June, Mackinley, Brittney, Neve and Ruby participated in Grafton COS NAIDOC Week Public Speaking Competition held at Westlawn Public School. The topic for the junior students was 'Under one sky: yesterday, today and forever' and for the seniors, it was 'Heal Country!'. All participants were outstanding and the competition was close. Congratulations goes to Neve who won the Stage 4 section. All students received praise for their passion and their research and writing skills.

Year 12 Debutante Ball

We are proud to announce Grafton High School 2021 Year 12 held their Debutante Ball on Saturday 5th June 2021. The ball was hosted at the Grafton High School MPC with all the Debutantes looking amazing in their beautiful dresses and formal attire. The night was a great success with 11 Debutantes and their partners attending. The Debutantes were formally presented by both Mr Dinham, Principal of Grafton High School and Kevin Hogan MP.



The 2021 School Captain Bridgette Walters and Year 11 student Whitney Moon did a fantastic job of coordinating the night and the formalities. We would also like to acknowledge the hard work by many that was required to make the evening a success. This includes Melissa Makings and Mr Kleindienst (Dance Instructors), Sharon Ellem (Grafton High School canteen) and a special mention to the Grafton High School P&C

and Lisa Giddins who officiated the organisation of the ball. We would like to thank the parents who volunteered their time to help with the decorations. Grafton High School TAS staff and students had a chance to show off their talents by catering and producing some lovely high-quality food items. Shirley Kelly once again is to be congratulated for her assistance in front office organisational duties that is required to make the event a success. As Year 12 advisor it was a pleasure to see some of my Year 12 students enjoy their night and I would like to thank them for their commitment and manner in which they embraced the occasion. Well done to everyone.

Annette Gorham – Year 12 Adviser



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thu 24 June 2021

- NAIDOC Week - Jackadgery
- Yr 7-11 Mid-Course reports issued
- P&C Meeting 6:30pm

Fri 25 June 2021

- NAIDOC Week Touch Football Comp
- Last day Term 2

Mon 12 July 2021

- Staff Development Day

Tue 13 July 2021

- First day Term 3

Thu 15 July 2021

- Yr 7 Police Talks – V Nichols
- Yr 7 2022 Gold Class Applications available
- Yr 7 2022 Year Adviser primary schools visit

Fri 16 July 2021

- Yr 7 2022 Year Adviser primary schools visit

Premier's Debating Challenge

Congratulations to our junior debaters for a fantastic first round of the Premier's Debating Challenge. The Year 7 team (Neve Rhodes; Georgia Hodges; Toby Smidt; Tylissah Third) narrowly defeated the Year 8 team (Mae Carroll; Leni Rush; Sienna Connell; Lotte Pereira). We are looking forward to some great debates this year.



Indigenous Boys and Girls Groups

Throughout the term our Indigenous students have had the opportunity to connect to culture, as part of the Indigenous boys and girls groups.



Health Industry Visit

Thirteen students enjoyed visiting local Health industries on Tuesday 25 May to learn more about what's involved in working in these industries. Students visited Caringa and learnt about patron welfare and support, Clarence Village where they learnt about aged care, and Country Universities Centre Clarence Valley where they developed an awareness of local careers available in the Health industry.



Students enjoyed the excursion and were keen to enter a future career in the Health industry by the end of the day, and many students were interested in undertaking school Work Experience with the industries visited. The excursion was organised and funded by the Educational Pathways Pilot Program (EPPP) operating at our school this year to ensure students leave school well prepared for higher education, training or work.



EPPP Novaskill Construction Pre-Apprenticeship Program

Eleven students from three Grafton Cluster Educational Pathways Pilot Program (EPPP) schools, including Grafton High School Year 10 and 11 students Adrion Gibson, Keaton Roe, Oliver Tully and Taj O'Mahony undertook an EPPP Novaskill Construction Pre-Apprenticeship program at South Grafton High School last month. The free skills program ran for 8 days over 4 weeks, plus 1 week of work placement.

Students developed skills and knowledge to demonstrate competencies in the nationally recognised units of 'Apply OHS requirements, policies and procedures in the construction industry', 'Carry out measurements and calculations', 'Read and interpret plans and specifications' and 'Conduct workplace communication'. These units contribute to the Certificate II in Construction Pathways qualification.

Other areas of skill development during the course include team work, time management, leadership, planning, use of technology in the industry, and networking with students from other schools and employers. Students also undertook practical experience where they constructed and assembled a timber picnic table that was donated back to the host school. The course included training and assessment plus 1 day of Careers development including mock interviews, industry aptitude testing, and developing a resume. The Construction Course was offered to students for free as part of the NSW Department of Education Educational Pathways Pilot Program (EPPP) operating at Grafton High School.



Attendance

Regular attendance for every student is essential if students are to achieve their potential.

While parents are legally responsible for their child's attendance, schools are required to document and monitor student's absences.

If your child is away from school for a whole or part day, please inform the school by way of phone, text message, email or a note. Thank you for your support.

Athletics Carnival





The sun was shining, the crowd was enthusiastic and team spirit was very much on display. Points were awarded for participation and placings, as well as best-dressed and loudest cheer. Smith House achieved the most points on the day and became the 2021 Athletics Carnival House Champions! Well done Smith!

Congratulations also to all the age Champions for the Grafton High School Athletics Carnival.

- 12 years - Summah Chevalley
- 12 years - Mason Cone
- 13 years - Shanae Crispin
- 13 years - Jaxon Sullivan
- 14 years - Shakeia Williams
- 14 years - Jay Higgins
- 15 years - Asha Dunn-Barton
- 15 years - Marcus Makejev
- 16 years - Erin Foster
- 16 years - Daniel Lavender
- 17 years - Whitney Moon
- 17 years - Michael Luxton



All Schools Swimming Championships

Congratulations to Jack Leeson and Jamie Plunkett for their outstanding results at the NSW All Schools Swimming Championships.

Results were:

Jack - 100m freestyle - 4th

Jamie - 100m freestyle - 5th

50m freestyle / 50m breaststroke / 50m backstroke - 4th,

50m butterfly - 3rd

200m freestyle Relay - 1st



Rowing

Congratulations to Grafton High Students Tom Cormick and Jackson Smith who combined with South Grafton High School Students to win the 2480 Regatta on the Wilson River Lismore over the 5-6 June weekend.

The team rowed a highly respectable 21 minute 5km time to record the outright best time and the win. Well done to all.



Bill Turner Cup Soccer

On Tuesday 18 May, both our U15s Bill Turner teams played very well once again. Both the Girls and Boys won 2-0 against South Grafton High School, taking them to the third round.



NSW CHS Hockey

Congratulations to the Grafton High School Girls who have won Gold at the NSW CHS hockey titles.

This was the first win in 28 years for the North Coast region.

Congratulations to Ashleigh Ensbey, Chloe Winters, Martina Williams and Mackenna Ensbey.

We wish Martina and Mackenna all the best in their pending NSW 16's team announcement.

Ashleigh Ensbey gained selection to the NSW Opens CHS team and was awarded the Most Outstanding Player in NSW with player of the tournament.



Zone Athletics Carnival

Please note confirmation of the change of date for the Zone Athletics carnival.

The carnival will be conducted on Monday 19th July (Monday Week 2, Term 3). All other arrangements remain the same. The note already returned covers student attendance.

Please return notes and pay \$10 to the office at your earliest convenience to attend.

Touch Football Gala Day

Two teams from GHS competed in a knockout style Touch Football Gala day. The Open Boys team were defeated, but played well on the day. The Open Girls team were successful and have moved onto the next round.

A special shout out to the five students who represented the Mid North Coast. They were Michael Luxton, Keaton Stutt, Mackenna Ensbey, Tamika Crispin and Martina Williams.

Michael and Martina were selected to join the Mid North Coast Opens teams. Well done!



APPLY NOW! ISS are looking for School Cleaners



ISS is a leading global workplace experience and facility management company. In partnership with customers, ISS drives the engagement and well-being of people, minimises the impact on the environment, and protects and maintains property.

We are seeking value-orientated people to join our local team of 17,000 service professionals, who can help us realise our Purpose of "Connecting People and Places to Make the World Work Better".

Our team is growing and we currently seeking cleaners to join ISS. You will provide high cleaning services to Public Schools, TAFES and Government Buildings. You will be employed on a **casual basis with opportunity to ongoing permanent work**. Various of rosters are available; Monday to Friday early morning (5-9am) and/ or afternoon (2-6pm) and Temporary Disinfecting shifts (11am-3pm).

We are seeking cleaners around:

- North Coast: Coffs Harbour, Taree, Port Macquarie, Ballina, Tweed Heads and Lismore (*Driver license and a car is essential*)
- South West Sydney: Bankstown, Liverpool, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Ingleburn, Auburn, Merrylands and Strathfield areas (*Driver license and a car is essential*)
- Sydney: Ashfield area, St George area, Sutherland Shire area, Sylvania/Cronulla area, Marrickville area, Eastern Suburbs and CBD (*Public transport is acceptable*)

Role responsibilities:

- Cleaning all facilities including classrooms, bathrooms, kitchens and grounds
- Disinfecting high touch points areas
- Working autonomously with little supervision & commitment to safe work practices
- Ability to obtain a Working with Children number & ability to pass a Police Check
- Must be physically fit and able to meet the demands of the job

If you are interested and meet the above criteria, please complete your online application via Scanning our QR code!

If you have any questions or need more information please e-mail sandra.moussa@au.issworld.com



PEOPLE MAKE PLACES "Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply"

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CLARENCE YOUTH

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 12-18!

WEEK 1

ART WITH JIMMY WAGS & TULLI STEVENS
Monday 28th June – 2pm to 4pm
Lawrence Hall, Lawrence
Bookings essential – 0428 420 908

DROP IN & COOL SCIENCE
Monday 28th June – 4pm to 5:30pm
Coutts Crossing Skate Park, Coutts Crossing
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP
Tuesday 29th June – 2pm to 4pm
Iluka Skate Park, Iluka
Bookings essential – 0428 420 908

DROP IN & COOL SCIENCE
Tuesday 29th June – 3:30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box Maclean, Wherrett Park
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

DROP IN & COOL SCIENCE
Wednesday 30th June – 3:30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box, Grafton Skate Park
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

DRAMA CLUB
Wednesday 30th June – 4pm to 5pm
Headspace Grafton
Bookings – 0402 662 538

GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP
Thursday 1st July – 2pm to 4pm
Nymboida Hall, Nymboida
Bookings essential – 0428 420 908

LGBTQ+ YOUTH DROP IN
Thursday 1st July – 4pm to 5pm
Grafton Library, Grafton
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

DROP IN & COOL SCIENCE
Thursday 1st July – 4pm to 5:30pm
Iluka Skate Park, Iluka
Booking essential – 6640 3800

ART WITH JIMMY WAGS & TULLI STEVENS
Friday 2nd July – 2pm to 4pm
Minnie Water Hall, Minnie Water
Booking essential – 0428 420 908

DROP IN & COOL SCIENCE
Friday 2nd July – 4pm to 5:30pm
Hakea Park, Yamba
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

For more information and updates, check out our Facebook pages 'Clarence Valley Youth Hubs' or 'Clarence Valley Youth'. The current COVID-19 situation has limited our capacity for numbers, so these activities will have restrictions, please call 0428 420 908 for more details and to make a booking. Outdoor activities will be postponed in the case of wet weather. Programs proudly sponsored by:

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WEEK 2

LASER SKIRMISH
Monday 5th July – 2pm to 4pm
Bailey Park, Ulmarra
Bookings essential – 0428 420 908

DROP IN & NINJA WARRIOR COURSE
Monday 5th July – 4pm to 5:30pm
Coutts Crossing Skate Park, Coutts Crossing
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

LASER SKIRMISH
Tuesday 6th July – 11am to 1pm
Baryulgil Community Hub, Baryulgil
Bookings essential – 0428 420 908

VR & CULTURAL EXPERIENCE
Tuesday 6th July – 2pm to 4pm
TAFE Connected Learning Centre, Yamba
Bookings essential – 0428 420 908

DROP IN & NINJA WARRIOR COURSE
Tuesday 6th July – 3:30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box Maclean, Wherrett Park
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

DROP IN & HELMET PAINTING
Wednesday 7th July – 10:30am to 12noon
Out of the Box, Grafton Skate Park
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

DESIGN & PRINT WORKSHOP
Thursday 8th July – 10am to 12noon
Nymboida Hall, Nymboida
Bookings essential – 0428 420 908

LASER SKIRMISH
Thursday 8th July – 2pm to 4pm
Alex Bell Park (Pirate Park), South Grafton
Bookings essential – 0428 420 908

DROP IN & NINJA WARRIOR COURSE
Thursday 8th July – 10:30am to 12noon
Iluka Skate Park, Iluka
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

DESIGN & PRINT WORKSHOP
Friday 9th July – 3pm to 5pm
Lawrence Hall, Lawrence
Booking essential – 0428 420 908

DROP IN & NINJA WARRIOR COURSE
Friday 9th July – 4pm to 5:30pm
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