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# Newsletter

## Grafton High School

Term 2 Week 5 2021

### From the Principal's Desk

It is a great honour to be writing this having now been appointed as the substantive Principal of Grafton High School. Like many people in our community I have a strong connection with the Clarence Valley going back decades, and I am very much looking forward to playing my role in leading the development of our young people, and more broadly our community. I must publicly thank the previous leaders of Grafton High School, as through their work they have left a strong school for me to continue to build on. I am confident that with the team of capable staff currently at GHS, we can look forward to many successes together in the journey ahead.



Thank you to all students and families that participated and helped at the ANZAC Day march and ceremony at the end of Week 1. It was wonderful to see such community spirit in our young people and a privilege to be associated with our school on such an occasion, with our school captain Oliver Westman providing much to reflect on in his outstanding address to the crowd at the ceremony.

Our Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) that has been developed over the second half of 2020 and Term 1 2021 is now published on our website. There are many broad initiatives that are now underway as we pursue continuous improvement in literacy, numeracy, attendance and wellbeing outcomes.

We continue to pursue and provide many extra-curricular activities and learning experiences in 2021 that were sadly missed in 2020 and are so important for the personal and academic development of our students. It was also fantastic to be able to hold our first parent-teacher evening since 2019 in Week 3. The NSW Department of Education continues to monitor the current health situation and provide guidelines that allow these activities to continue. Please remember to follow all Covid-19 related precautions and advice, and if students are unwell with flu-like symptoms, they should not attend school and get tested. Responsibility lies with us all in order to maintain our current positive situation.

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## SRC News

Our SRC members have been busy collaborating in teams to organise fundraising activities and school events. The new format for SRC is student driven and involves the Captains, Bridget Walters and Oliver Westman, chairing the meetings, with Vice Captains Britney Cole and Kyle Dehnert assisting. Secretaries, Brooke Sippel and Letitia Black, take meeting minutes and correspond with community organisations. Treasurers, James Deefholts, Elora Thompson and Anicka Peters are responsible for keeping track of funds raised and selling pre-tickets for school events. Publicity Officers, Sarah Rigby-Pierse, Nadia Smith and McKenna Wearing create and distribute brochures and information about upcoming events. Social Coordinators, Torin Leek and Violet Mansfield liaise between the school and community to help organise events. While Fundraising Directors, Olivia McLaren, Narissa Dunston and Sean Barnes assisted by Bree Irving and Elanah Dunston, help coordinate and direct our fundraising efforts.

Congratulations to our newly elected Year 7 SRC members: Toby Smidt, Myla Smith and Ruby Martin. They have started attending the weekly SRC meetings and are ready to undertake new roles and responsibilities with enthusiasm.

The first school Social since Covid is fast approaching. On Wednesday 26 May (Week 6), students will be able to step back in time to The Roaring Twenties, wearing party clothes with sequins, beads, velvet, lace, crochet, and ruffles. The students will run a BBQ sausage sandwich fundraiser, and operate the canteen for drinks and snacks sales.

Recently the SRC participated and marched in the local Anzac ceremony as worthy representatives of the school. Oliver Westman delivered a very well researched and heartfelt speech at the cenotaph, focussing on the service of Australians in the Afghanistan war.

Last term the SRC members baked delicious cakes, biscuits, sweets and treats for an Easter Bake Sale. Combined with a mufti-day, over \$1700 was raised to go towards upgrading facilities for students.

Plans in the pipeline include developing the front of the school with seating and gardens to provide a quiet retreat for Year 12 students. A mufti-day in June for Education Week will assist with raising awareness for the benefits of education. The Counsellor's Office is being redecorated with colour consultation from the SRC. We will keep you updated on the many exciting events planned throughout the year.

Your SRC team





## Music at GHS

At GHS we are making music all around the school and sharing that with the school whenever possible. We have a number of extracurricular Music programs on offer around the school. These include the school band, vocal group, guitar group and our performances on Assembly and Quad Fridays.

The school band meets in A14 every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30. We work on different music over the term and try to perform as often as possible. The band are currently working on some new pieces in preparation for our next performance on assembly.

The vocal group meets in A14 at lunch every Tuesday. This group focuses on working as a group when singing and singing in harmony. We are currently cooking up some exciting pieces with a modern twist to perform.

The guitar group has begun and meets in A13 at Lunch on Wednesdays. This group is focusing on building some strong foundational skills before moving onto learning a piece as a group.

Our performances on Assembly and Quad Fridays have been a roaring success. We are aiming to have a musical performance presented at Assembly every fortnight. These performances are done by Music Elective students or any of our extracurricular groups. We have also restarted our Quad Friday concerts. These concerts are an informal lunchtime concert held in the Main Quad on Fridays and give our Music Elective students and Music Groups a chance to perform and work on their performance skills. Quad Friday concerts have been enjoyed by students and staff alike and we look forward to having many more throughout the year.

If you or your student have any questions about any of the Music Extracurricular activities on offer at GHS, please contact the Music teachers Mr Townley or Mr Millar.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Thu 20 May 2021

- Yr 10 Immunisations – V Nichols
- Batyr Program (Yr 9 & 10) – S Townley & E Taylor
- Primex Excursion – J Kelemec

### Fri 21 May 2021

- Athletics Carnival

### Tue 25 May 2021

- Yr 7 Police Talks – V Nichols
- Seniors Minimum Standards catch-up – G Morris

### Thu 27 May 2021

- Yr 8 Celtic Thunder – N Johnson

### Sat 5 June 2021

- Year 12 Deb Ball 7:00pm

### Tue 8 June 2021

- Senior Market Day

### Wed 16 June 2021

- Yr 12 Elevate Sessions – A Gorham

### Sat 19 June 2021

- Yr 11 Deb Ball

### Tue 22 June 2021

- MNC Dance Festival – R Mills

### Wed 23 June 2021

- MNC Dance Festival – R Mills
- HSIE Sydney Excursion – S Yong, G Brejwo, & A Miller

### Thu 24 June 2021

- Yr 7-11 Mid-Course reports issued
- HSIE Sydney Excursion (Day 2)
- P&C Meeting 6:30pm

### Fri 25 June 2021

- HSIE Sydney Excursion (Day 3)
- Last day Term 2

### Mon 12 July 2021

- Staff Development Day

### Tue 13 July 2021

- First day Term 3

### Tue 20 July 2021

- Yr 7-11 Parent-Teacher Evening MPC

### Thu 15 July 2021

- Post School Options Expo – Yr 12

## ANZAC Day Service

42 Grafton High School students marched to commemorate all those who have served our country in war. Our school was chosen to present a speech remembering those who have served during the war in Afghanistan. Oliver, our school captain, spoke eloquently to one of the largest crowds the Main Service has seen in years. All students represented the school with respect and pride.







## Grafton Show Display

Grafton High exhibited an award-winning display of student work at the recent Grafton Show. Producing quality harvests this year was a challenge due to recent flooding, and the Support Unit came to the rescue with some outstanding fresh pumpkins and cucumbers.

The TAS Department also helped improve the diversity of the display by contributing some interesting and intriguing student projects that had been created in Metal and Wood Technology classes.

It was great to be involved in the competition against other local schools and a wonderful achievement to retain the trophy for another year.

J Kelemec – Agriculture Teacher





## HSC Special Provisions - Attention Year 12 Students, Parents and Carers

Applications for 2021 HSC Disability Provisions are underway. If your child requires support in completing the Higher School Certificate examinations, please talk to one of the GHS Learning and Support teachers: Ms Jenene Heath or Mrs Nerita Blake (ph. 66 423355). You may also wish to speak to the Year Adviser, School Counsellor or Mrs Moar, HT Support.

It is not embarrassing to apply for Disability Provisions. Provisions help students demonstrate what they know and what they can do.

Applications are submitted to the NSW Education Standards Authority. Applications require evidence such as recent medical reports, reading results, spelling results, writing samples and teacher comments. Parents can help in this process by promptly returning completed paperwork such as medical forms etc. to a Learning and Support teacher or to Mrs Moar.

Once the Standards Authority has reached a decision, students will be notified and a copy of the decision letter will be sent home.

J Heath – Learning and Support Teacher

## Baryulgil Visit

As part of the Major Projects of Tahlia Marsh and Chloe Winters, the Year 12 Aboriginal Studies class visited Baryulgil Primary School. We had a beautiful day, hanging out and exploring, and extend our thanks to staff and students for having us. Congratulations to the girls and the class for being such great ambassadors for GHS.





## Agriculture

GHS had Local Land Services Vet Joss Todd visiting to talk to Year 9 Agriculture about sheep husbandry in particular foot rot, feet diseases, worms, worm management and drench resistance.



## Rugby League

On Wednesday 21 April the U/14s participated in the CHS Buckley Shield Knockout Competition. The boys performed very well, beating Woolgoolga High School 16-10. They put up brave performances against both South Grafton High School and Toormina High School going down in the play off match. It was a great achievement considering a number of the players were having their first game of Rugby League and also having players who are only 13 this year. Well done gentlemen!





## MNC Football Gala Day

The boys beat South Grafton 6-0 in their 2nd round game but lost 3-0 to CHEC in the 3rd. The Girls also won 1-0 but lost 4-3 to CHEC.



## League Tag

Our League Tag teams had a great day at Coffs Harbour. The Opens team had 3 wins and a draw and were awarded Champions. The U16s had 1 loss and 2 wins. And the U14s were undefeated and awarded Champions. Girls showed great sportsmanship and skill. Thanks to Keaton, Darcy and Ollie for their help.





## Bill Turner Cup Soccer

On Wednesday 28 April, both our U15 Boys and Girls Bill Turner teams played very convincingly to beat McAuley. The Girls won a thrilling 3-2 game in sudden death and the Boys won 2-0.



## Cross Country

Congratulations to our Age Champions for the Grafton High School Cross Country Championships.

Girls:

- 12 – Summah Chevalley
- 13 – Mishelle Hancock
- 14 – Grace Kennedy
- 15 – Sophie Coles
- 16 – Taharna Reid
- 17 – Madison Carlton

Boys:

- 12 – Chase Stoves
- 13 – Stone Owen
- 14 – Andrew Hughes
- 15 – Josh Donovan
- 16 – Darcy Deefholts
- 17 – Noah Fahey
- 18 – James Deefholts





# Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to the students who participated in the Mid North Coast Cross Country.

Students who have made the Regional Cross Country Titles are: Kiera Banfield; Mason Cone; Mishelle Hancock; Noah Fahey; Oskar Robertson; Owen Stone; Poppy Farrell; Reece McLaughlan; Riley Smidt; Ruby Deefholts; Shanae Crispin; Sophie Coles, Summah Chevalley; Taharna Reid; Tylah Radin.

We wish them the best of luck at the next level of competition.







## State Swimming Championships

Congratulations to all the Grafton High School students who represented at CHS swimming championships.

There were some really outstanding personal bests and fantastic competition results.

Representing students: Cooper Stephenson; Shanae Crispin; Jack Leeson; Tanika Crispin; Jamie Plunkett.

13 years girls relay team: Mia Watling; Annabel Dungey; Jorja Willis; Shanae Crispin.







### HOW TO TALK SO KIDS WILL LISTEN

A **half-day** workshop which explores emotionally intelligent parenting, problem-solving and ways to communicate with children using the *5 love languages*. Discovering your child's love language and developing emotional intelligence builds a solid foundation for your child to trust, learn and thrive.

11:30am - 2:30pm  
Tuesday 25th May  
11 Kemp St, Grafton

### SUPPORTING POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS AT HOME

This **half-day** workshop explores ways to positively guide children's behaviour in supportive and age appropriate ways. Learn practical tips to encourage the behaviour you want to see in your child.

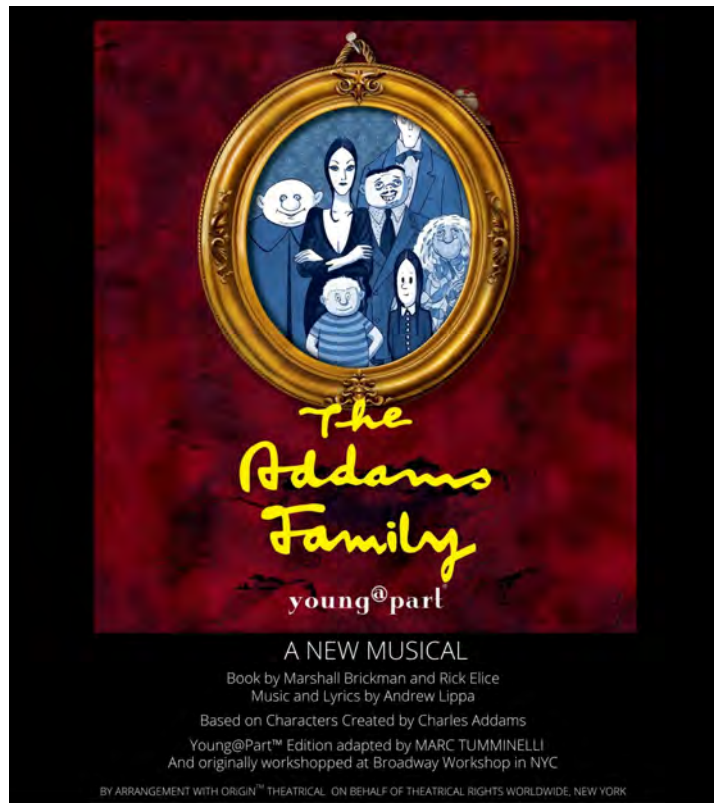
11:30AM - 2:30PM  
Tuesday 18th May  
11 Kemp St, Grafton

### UNDERSTANDING ANGER

In this **half-day** workshop we discuss anger and explore ways that parents can respond to emotions behind children's behaviour. This workshop will be delivered in both Grafton and Yamba.

9:30am - 12:30pm  
Wednesday 9th June  
11 Kemp St, Grafton

10:00am - 1:00pm  
Wednesday 16th June  
Yamba hall 45 Woolli St, Yamba (behind the library)



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