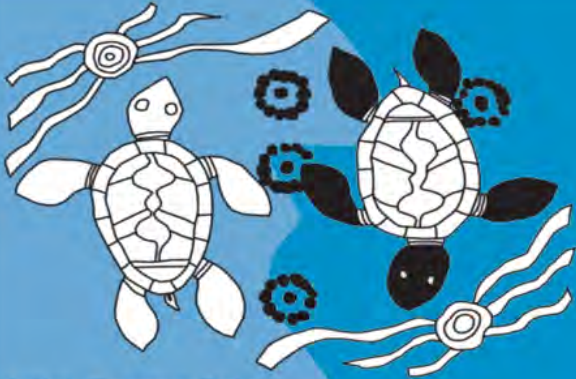


# Grafton High School

## Newsletter

Week 7, Term 3, 2022



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### **NAIDOC WEEK ART COMPETITION WINNERS**

To celebrate NAIDOC Week, we held our annual NAIDOC Week Art Competition. We had 21 entries across the year groups and voting was opened to students and staff. The winners were Grace Goring and Layla Gauci (Year 7 category), Ruby Martin (Years 8-10 category) and the collective work from SLIP1 (Senior category).



## **MNC NETBALL**

On 18 August, our Under 15s netball team were undefeated in the Mid North Coast School's Netball Competition. The girls applied a huge effort in all three games and as a result, they did not drop a single quarter! It was a fabulous effort from all the girls and in particular, a big thanks to our parent helpers and students who umpired, making the day possible for the organisers. Thanks also to parents for driving our students. We look forward to our next games!



## **TENNIS**

The GHS girls tennis team travelled down to Nelson Bay earlier this term to compete in the NSW Floris Conway State Finals. The girls narrowly went down against Warilla High School in the bronze medal match to finish 4th in the state. This is a massive achievement for the girls, Whitney, Maia, Elanah and Georgia, who are to be congratulated on how they conducted themselves over the three days of competition.



## **SKI TRIP 2022**

From 9-11 August, Grafton High students from Years 10 and 11 travelled south into the high country to carve up the slopes at Perisher once again. Their willingness and perseverance to develop their skills at skiing and snowboarding was exceptional and clearly obvious by their standard of boarding and skiing on the final day. The students conducted themselves in a manner which made the school proud. They were respectful and demonstrated gratitude towards all staff for the opportunity. Well done to all involved!

## **SKI TRIP PHOTO DUMP**



## **U15s BASKETBALL**

This term, our Under 15 boys Basketball team competed at Coffs Harbour against other Mid North Coast teams. The boys went down in their first game against Orara High School, but came back strong in their second game against Bellingen High School, winning 54-15. But it was not enough to progress into the final which was won by a strong Toormina High School team. A special thanks to the parents who assisted in transporting the boys down to Coffs Harbour.



## **STATE BOCCIA**

In Week 4, Mrs Moar and Mr Rob flew with Andy, Zayne, Lance, Toby and Jesse to Sydney to compete in the State Boccia Championships. It was the first time flying and the first time to Sydney for some of the boys. They visited the Sea Life Aquarium and walked to Circular Quay to view the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Opera House. On competition day, the boys started strongly and won their first game against Fairfield High School. Their 2nd game was played against Willyama High School who narrowly defeated GHS on their last throw. The third game was against Wellington High School who had a very good game and had a strong win over the Grafton boys. The team played off for the lower placings winning our last two games against Sylvania and Terrigal High Schools. All the boys played fantastically and were expertly captained by Andy. The boys enjoyed meeting students from other schools and are to be congratulated for finishing 13th in the state.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 6 September: VALID 10 Year 10 Periods 1 & 2
- 8 September: Years 9 and 10 Sea World Marine Studies Elective Students
- 8 September: Years 11 and 12 Physics Dreamworld Excursion
- 15 September: Year 12 Drama Belvoir Theatre Sydney Excursion
- 22 September: Year 12 Mystery Bus Tour



## **GRAFTON AND SOUTH GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOLS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY VISIT DAY**

A group of Year 10 students from both Grafton HS and South Grafton HS enjoyed visiting several manufacturing industry businesses on Thursday 4 August. The students learnt about future job opportunities and listened to presentations from staff at each site. Subway for lunch was also a hit! The full-day excursion saw students visit Wicks and Parker Townsend, Yamba Welding & Engineering, and the Yamba TAFE Connected Learning Centre. The free excursion was funded by the Regional Industry Education Partnerships (RIEP) and Educational Pathways Program (EPP) operating at our school this year to ensure students leave school well prepared for higher education, training or work.

Anthony Wicks and Karina Turner guided the students through the Wicks & Parker Townsend facility demonstrating their heavy manufacturing activities and varied careers within the business. Anthony spoke of the need for a keen interest in the industry and show an interest for learning new skills and developing employability skills. He talked about how many of his staff are multi qualified to ensure sustainability within the business.

Yamba Welding & Engineering took the students on a journey through their process from raw materials to an impressive vessel used by many clients like, the defence force, Border patrol, Police and the local fishing industry. Trent and Nathan explained to the students the processes and skills required for the manufacturing of this vessels. They moved the students through the workshop then onto Yamba Marina where students were given a guided tour of their latest projects. Here Nathan & Trent discussed the types of jobs and careers opportunities at YWE and Trent explained his career pathways that he took from subject undertaken at school to where he is at YWE.

Yamba TAFE Connected Learning Centre offered their facilities for the group to sit and enjoy a Subway lunch. Here the students could see first hand the resources and facilities; including the mobile learning unit that currently is in location. After lunch, the students were treated to a tour of the facility by Melissa Moss; TAFE Services Coordinator where they had an opportunity to experience some Virtual Reality activities.

Thanks to Jill McCall; Senior Project Officer, Regional Industry Education Partnerships, Training Services NSW, Rachel Copeland; Educational Pathways Program, SBAT Engagement Officer, for their attendance on the day. They both had the opportunity to meet and discuss career pathways with the students throughout the day.



## **HOCKEY**

Congratulations to Maia and Martina who were members of the New South Wales team that competed at the School Sport Australia Hockey National titles in Tasmania. The girls returned with a silver medal!



## **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES**

Some Yr 11 Primary Industries students participated in a Farm Vehicle Safety Course this term. They had a fantastic time learning to safely ride quad bikes and drive side-by-side vehicles. All of the students progressed through the course with flying colours and represented our school in a positive light.



## **PERFORMING ARTS NEWS**

Congratulations to Tessa who has been selected as the Principal Clarinetist in the Regional Youth Orchestra!

Auditions are open to all students in NSW enrolled in conservatoriums. Tessa will have the opportunity to participate in a masterclass with the Sydney Symphony and Australian World Orchestra musicians.

Well done, Tessa and good luck with your performance in September!



This year, GHS will have some fantastic representation at the annual Schools Spectacular. We have 12 Aboriginal students performing in the Aboriginal Dance Ensemble, and to make that moment extra special, Tahlia will be the Featured Artist to perform the Ensemble's song.

Congratulations to Tahlia for her selection as a Featured Artist and good luck to all students with their performances in November!

## **SUPPORT NEWS**

WISE 2 were very excited to find the eggs they were incubating in their classroom had hatched producing 17 cute little fluffy chickens.





## **GIRLS RUGBY LEAGUE**

Well done to the Girls Rugby League team on their recent match against Wilsonton State High School. This friendly game was an opportunity for the girls to build on their match fitness and increase their skills.



## **SCIENCE WEEK**

Year 6 students from local primary schools attended Grafton High School to participate in activities celebrating Science Week. This year's theme was "glass". Students participated in experiments related to lenses and mirrors, as well as using a flame to bend glass. This day served as the first transitional day for students attending GHS in Year 7 next year. It was a very fun and positive introduction to GHS and the subject of Science. We really enjoyed showing our visitors around and hope they are looking forward to attending GHS next year.



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