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Grafton High School

Newsletter

**Week 1, Term 1
2023**

Upcoming Events

6 February

- U/15s Mid North Coast Touch Football Gala Day

23 February

- Competitors Only; GHS Swimming Carnival

27 February – 1 March

- Year 7; Great Aussie Bush Camp

2 March

- Vaping production

9 March

- School Photos

From the Principal

Welcome back to all our new and existing students and families. We are looking forward to another action-packed year with plenty on the calendar already.

2022 finished in spectacular fashion with an outstanding set of results from our Year 12 cohort. Congratulations to all of these students, their families, and the staff that worked with them to achieve such a positive outcome. With 23 Band 6 and 57 Band 5 results across a year group that is among the smallest at GHS in recent years, you need to look a long way north and a long way south in our region to find better. This said, this is clearly not the end, but just the beginning for this group. We look forward to the many and varied stories that the future holds.

We start the year in the hope that it be less disrupted than in previous years. Our strategic improvement plan targets around student attendance, NAPLAN and HSC performance, student retention and wellbeing will all be monitored closely this year from both within and beyond the school.

We welcome several new teachers joining in permanent and temporary positions:

- Mr Mathew Clarke in Mathematics
- Ms Lily Porra in Creative and Performing Arts
- Mrs Jess Cavanagh in Technology and Applied Studies
- Mr Vivek Puri in Science
- Ms Arjana Gill in Human Society and its Environment
- Mrs Emma Webber in Support
- Mrs Kate Robertson in Support
- Ms Britt Hargreaves in Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

Our Year 7 cohort have started well, with the usual nerves evident on the first day, but they are settling nicely into a rhythm. As is the case for all year groups, communication is critical in caring for all our students, so please contact the relevant Year Adviser to discuss any issues or questions that you may have.

– Scott Dinham

Back to School Reminders

1. School Uniforms

- Years 7 to 10



- Years 11 and 12



2. Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

- GHS's PBL core SHARE values are Safety, Honesty, Acceptance, Responsibility and Effort.
- Students are reminded to demonstrate these PBL SHARE values across all settings throughout their school day to assist in creating safe and supportive learning environments for all students.

3. Mobile Phones

- Students are reminded to switch off their phones and YONDR them as they are entering the school.

4. Flood Relief Funds

- Students can start to use their remaining flood relief funds in the canteen from Monday 6/02/2023. Each year group can only purchase items with these fund as per the schedule below.
 - Monday - Year 11/12
 - Tuesday - Year 8
 - Wednesday - Year 9
 - Thursday - Year 10
 - Friday - Year 7

COVID-19 and RATs

When students and staff should take a rapid antigen test (RAT)

Students and staff should use the RATs supplied to them in the following circumstances:

When showing COVID-19 symptoms

Any student or member of staff who develops even the mildest of COVID-19 symptoms should get tested for COVID - 19. Symptomatic students and staff should use a RAT or get a PCR (throat and nose swab) test and not attend school or work until they are symptom free. We have Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) available for student to collect from the Administration Office if required.

Refer to the NSW Government's Rapid Antigen tests for COVID-19 and Testing positive to COVID-19 fact sheets for guidance on what to do if you receive a positive RAT or if symptoms persist.

When they believe they have been exposed to COVID-19

Anyone who believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 is strongly recommended to monitor for symptoms and test if they have any concerns.

Refer to the NSW Government's Advice for people exposed to COVID-19 for further information and advice.

Before large gatherings and higher risk activities

Schools are advised to consider ordering and distributing RATs ahead of large gatherings and higher risk activities, including school camps, discos and formals, and tests and exams as a COVID safe measure to support the safety of students and staff.

Support on administering the tests

All RAT kits contain instructions on how to use the tests, check results and dispose of the tests safely. Parents, carers and staff can also download user guides of the relevant test they have received through the Therapeutic Goods Administration website. The user guides contain a contact number for the suppliers for additional support. People using saliva testing kits must not eat or drink for 30 minutes before taking the saliva RAT, to give more accurate results. Schools are not required to support students in administering the tests.

School Ambulance Cover Scheme

The School Ambulance Cover Scheme covers the cost of an ambulance for students who have an accident or fall ill while at school or when on an organised school excursion or activity. [Please note that travel to Qld for excursions are not covered.]

If you receive an invoice from NSW Ambulance for your child who has fallen ill or been injured on a school excursion, please drop the invoice in to the Front office, who will arrange to make the payment.



Grafton High School Canteen

Open 8:00 am - 2:00 pm Monday
to Friday during term



A "NSW Healthy School Canteen"
supplying fresh, affordable and
nutritious food for the
GHS community.

**Profits help the
GHS P&C Association to improve
your school.**

Gluten free, vegetarian and vegan
options are available.

Become a Canteen Volunteer at GHS

INVITATION

Who: Parents, Carers, Grandparents,
Enthusiastic Others

When: Weekly, monthly or
a few hours at a time

Where: GHS Canteen
entry via Mary St, Grafton

Why: Enjoy helping our friendly
Staff provide food for our
students

Contact: **Nolene Chevalley**
0408 411 579



Grafton High School Uniform Shop is located in the Canteen.
Our Staff can help you to select the correct sizes.

Book Packs and Uniforms
Available from 1 December 2022

Canteen and Uniform Shop
Open early for 2023: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
23-25 January 2023

We need you! 😊



Grafton High School
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Grafton High School Parents & Citizens' Association

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Come to a GHS P&C Meeting

When: 6:30 pm, 4th Thursday of the month

Where: GHS Staff Room
via reception, Mary St, Grafton

Why: ✓ Meet the Principal, Deputies & Teachers
✓ Find out what is happening at the school
✓ Have your say
✓ Meet new friends



Scott Dinham
Principal

What does the P&C do?

The P&C aims to improve Grafton High School's community and facilities. Students and staff members may request funding.

Recent examples:

- Air conditioning for the Multi-Purpose Centre (MPC)
- Student lockers
- Year 12 students attend their Formal for free
- Science textbooks
- Tables and benches
- Tractor, machinery and benches for the agriculture farm
- Furniture for the library



Tables and Benches

FAQs:

Will I be expected to volunteer or donate money?

No. The P&C is funded by the GHS Canteen & Uniform shop.

May I join the executive?

Yes. You are welcome to nominate as President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary when a vacancy arises.

How long do the meetings take?

The meetings are short - less than 1 hour.



Student Lockers

We hope you will come along!

Email:
pandc@ghs.nsw.edu.au



Mountain View Motor Sport
Complex,

262 Clarence Way,

Mountain View. NSW.

Website; www.gscc.org.au

Email; hillclimb@gscc.org.au

Phone 0408 662 656

Grafton Sporting Car Club Annual Motor Sport Experience

Your chance to drive on a
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Event Licence \$30.00.

Club Car Rental \$50.00

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Passenger.



ANNUAL MOTORSPORT COME & TRY DAY, SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2023



Grafton Sporting Car Club is holding a Come & Try Day for **FIRST TIME & current drivers** to participate in a Motor Sport event. Bring your race car or your own road registered or unregistered car (must pass scrutineering check) or use the Club's Honda Prelude (Fees apply). Minimum age 14. One



day Competition Licence available \$30.00. Enter at;
www.gscc.org.au/hillclimb-entry **Entries close Thursday 16th Feb.**



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Lesson times during the week Mon-Fri

7:30am - 8:30am

3:45pm - 4:45pm

5:00pm - 6:00pm

Advanced Extension lesson

6:10pm - 7:10pm (Mon, Wed, Fri only)