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Principal’s Report
My apologies but due to a variety of reasons this week is a shortened edition of the newsletter. I thought it better to at least give everyone an update rather than postpone until next week.

I can report this week that things are still on track in the construction of our high performance sports centre. A progress meeting was held last week and things such as the final look of the metal cladding and the roller doors were finalised ready for the next stage of construction.

P&C Meeting
A reminder that P&C meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month (during the school term). The next P&C meeting will be at 7pm this Thursday 23rd May in the staff common room.

Pink Hair Day
Students may have been mistaken for thinking I had “lost it” or was experiencing some form of “mid-life crisis” last week when I suddenly turned up to school with Pink Hair! Luckily, it was only for the day and was for a good cause. As part of a fundraiser organised by Bakers Delight at Shopping World a number of local people were asked to get their hair painted pink. This included Arthur Lysaught, Mayor Richie Williamson and Member for Clarence Chris Gulaptis (see photo below).

Enhanced Library Facilities
You may have read the article in the examiner last week regarding the involvement of the Grafton Men’s Shed in the building of benching for the refurbishment of our library technology. I would again like to thank the Men’s Shed for their work and to particularly acknowledge the work of our Librarian - Janelle Skinner and Deputy Principal – Daniel Moar in making this possible. Last week I had the pleasure of showing off this facility to the Department of Education North Coast Region relieving Regional Director – Mr Mark Youngblutt. He was impressed with the facilities and organisation we have in place to support all students, but in particular our senior students working towards their HSC.

Grafton High School Band
I would like to finish with some photos of our school band. Under the conductorship of Music teacher – Mr Townley, student have been practising each Wednesday and performed for the first time at assembly last week. We hope to feature our band in more performances and maintain and grow this initiative into the future.

Peter South - Principal

Upcoming Events:
27-29/5 Year 7 Great Aussie Bush Camp
27/5 Junior Mid Course Exams
27-31/5 Year 11 Maths Assessment Week
6/6 Athletics Carnival
10/6 Queens Birthday Holiday
13-15/6 Rock Musical Performance
17-21/6 HSC Maths Assessment Week
19-22/6 Rock Musical Performance
26/6 year 7-9 English Saraton Theatre
28/6 Final day Term 2
15/7 Staff Development day
16/7 Term 3 starts for students