Tuesday, 4 June 2013

Principal’s Report

Year 7 Camp

I think I am almost recovered from the year 7 camp last week. It was an intense 3 days and the students involved really pushed themselves and had a great time doing it. I would like to particularly thank Year Adviser, Mr Kelemec, for his work in organising this major excursion aided by his assistant Year Adviser Ms Osborne. I would also like to thank Mr Litchfield and Ms Wilkes for their support over the three days, as well as the year 11 peer support leaders. I have included further photos over the page.

Debutante Ball

I also had the privilege of attending the Debutante Ball again this year. The night was yet again a success and our year 11 Debutantes and their partners looked stunning. An enormous amount of effort goes into the organisation of these events and I really need to acknowledge the contribution of all those involved, including:

- Karren Crispen (Event organiser/manager extraordinaire!)
- Our dance instructors Peter and Melissa
- Year 11 Adviser Mr Lasker and Assistant Year Adviser Mrs Castle
- Judy Eggins and Shirley Kelly who managed catering on the night
- The school canteen and support unit students (under the guidance of Mrs Reardon) who prepared food for the evening.
- Our Hat Boys, David and Sam and our MCs, Reuben and Ebony.

Sporting Success

I am very happy to announce that a number of our students have had success recently in sporting events including selection to CHS regional and state teams. In particular:

- Jacob Purser has been selected for the state CHS hockey team.
- Courtney Fuller has been selected for the CHS North Coast girls golf team to play the state tournament in June at Wagga Wagga. They are the defending champions from last year.

Creative Success

A number of our students and staff have picked up awards at the Jacaranda Quilt Show recently. Under the guidance of teachers Cathy Butcher and Tracey Wilkes (and former teacher Chris Timmins) Youth Section 1st Erica West – Doves 2nd Sarah Marsh – Colourful Doves Highly commended - Emma Baker-Whalley. In addition, Casey Waite, a former student who also works in our office, won the major prize at the show.

Mr Peter South - Principal
Upcoming Events:
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

Musical
The Community Schools Musical is on again this year! Performances are being held in Week 7 & 8 of Term 2, in the GHS MPC, with opening night being held on June 14. The show this year is ‘The Great Australian Rock Musical’. It features 17 well known Australian rock songs (AC/DC, Cold Chisel, Jet to name a few). With a cast of 70 students on stage and another 30 backstage and in the band, the show will be an exciting and invigorating evening.
Performance times:
- Friday June 14 – 7pm
- Saturday June 15 – 1 & 7pm
- Friday June 21 – 7pm
- Saturday June 22 – 7pm
Tickets are available from Buckleys Music and at the door
Adult $15, Concession $10, Student $7.50

Agriculture News
Here is a photo of Sam the new Ram at the Ag plot along with Dane Gleeson and Callum O’loughlin with Caylum O’Driscoll in the background.

Grafton High School Concert Band:

The Grafton High School Concert Band is going from strength to strength. Each week we have new and enthusiastic members joining. The band is building a repertoire of well-known concert band pieces with their first performance for the school being a success. The band meets in the MPC every Wednesday afternoon from 3:30-5 and always welcomes new members. For any information regarding joining the band please see Mr Townley or Mrs Worrell.

7-10 Mid-Course Reports
Instead of a Year Adviser’s comment on the Mid-Course reports for students in years 7-10, there will be a section that shows their involvement in extracurricular activities. Students will be able to list any activities they have participated in that are additional to their normal classes or excursions. The teacher supervising the activity will sign to confirm the student’s involvement. Nomination forms will be issued in OnTRAC this week and should be returned to a student’s Year Adviser by Wednesday 12 June.

Quad Bike Course
Yr 11 Primary Industries students are currently doing a two day course on how to safely drive a quad bike. Here Tara Stout shows great style on how to steer the quad bike safely between a series of cones. Mitchell Reardon demonstrates a faster route! More people die from quad bike accidents each year (17 in 2012) than from tractor accidents. This activity forms part of their nationally accredited Primary Industry qualification.

Canteen
Our GHS canteen provides beautiful fresh food to the students, Monday to Friday. The canteen is always welcoming volunteers and welcomes you to come along and help serve anytime you are available.
All jackets are now in stock !
Jackets $50 and jumpers $25.
come and...
DISCOVER ENGINEERING

TOPICS
Areas to be addressed include:
Why be an Engineer?
What do Engineers Do?
How Do You Become an Engineer?

Guest speakers include:
Engineering professionals & University students.

DATE
Wednesday 12th June 2013
6.30pm – 8.00pm
at South Grafton
Ex-Servicemans Club
Wharf Street
SOUTH GRAFTON

This Free Forum is for all students in Year 9, 10, 11 & 12
who are interested in Engineering as a career choice.

Light Refreshments will be served

REGISTER
Registration essential by
Friday 7th June 2013

CLICK HERE or phone
Engineers Australia on 02 4926 4440.

Further information available at:
www.engineersaustralia.org.au/newcastle-division/events

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