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Principal's Report
Welcome back to all staff and students! Staff returned on Monday and spent the day undertaking professional learning on assessment and consistent teacher judgement. We had the opportunity to work in mixed faculty groups to undertake professional discussion relating to assessment. You can see from the photo below that everyone was well engaged in the day.

Parent Teacher Evening
Student reports will all be handed out by the end of this week and so we are holding our mid-course parent-teacher evening next Tuesday, 23rd July, from 3:45 – 6:00pm in D-Block, for years 7 – 12. To relieve congestion, we will be spread out across a greater number of classrooms and there will be chairs set up for parents to sit inside the classroom while they wait for teachers to become available. Appointments are not necessary.

Year 11 – 2014 Subject Selection Evening
Grafton and South Grafton High Schools will be holding a combined subject selection information evening for year 10 students who intend continuing on to year 11 in 2014. The evening will be held from 6:00 pm, finishing at approximately 7:30 pm, on Wednesday 24th July at the Grafton Community and Function Centre. The subject selection options and process will be outlined to students and parents. Representatives will be on hand from TAFE, universities and from each school faculty area, to help answer any questions.

P&C Meeting
A reminder that the next P&C meeting is being held next Thursday 25th July from 7:00pm in the school staff common room.

Aboriginal Parent Group Meeting
Parents and carers of our Aboriginal students are invited to our first parent group meeting next Thursday 25th July, from 3:00 pm in the staff common room. The group will be looking at various projects within the school to involve parent/carer participation in the school and the acknowledgement of our local Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Applications for years 8 -10 selective class placement for 2014
The state-wide process for students wishing to apply for entry into years 8 – 10 selective classes in 2014 have just been released. Students have until 4:00 pm on the 30th July to submit applications to the school admin office. Application forms and information on the application process can be obtained from the Department of Education at the following link: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/7-12assessments/selective8_12.php

Student Medical Forms
During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child’s health. If you have a child with a medical condition you will receive a copy of the new forms and will need to fill them out and return them to us as soon as you can. The new forms will help us collect your child’s important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we will be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child. We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information.

School Uniform
Students have again been reminded of the requirement to wear full school uniform and to bring a parent note if they are unable to do so on a particular day. An outline of our school uniform requirements is included over page.

No student is punished for being out of uniform if they have a parent note explaining reasons. Students who are repeatedly out of uniform without a note will, however, be excluded from extracurricular activities such as discos etc.

Peter South - Principal
Grafton High School Uniform

ALL Junior Students (Years 7-10)
- Plain royal blue jumper
- School jacket
- Fully enclosed shoes/joggers, which are flat shoes or shoes with a minimal heel, that have a good grip and fit well. (No thongs or sandals will be permitted)

Junior Girls (Years 7-10)
- Blue tartan school skirt
- Blue tartan school shorts
- Plain black long or ¾ pants (no brand/make of any jeans is acceptable, no tights)
- Plain white shirt with collar and sleeves (No T-shirts)
- White socks/black stockings, if cold

Junior Boys (Years 7-10)
- Plain sky blue shirt with collar and sleeves (No T-shirts)
- Plain grey shorts/trousers
- Plain royal blue jumper
- Grey/white socks

ALL Senior Students (Years 11-12)
- School jacket
- School Senior Jersey
- Fully enclosed shoes/joggers, which are flat shoes or shoes with a minimal heel, that have a good grip and fit well. (No thongs or sandals will be permitted)

Senior Girls (Years 11-12)
- Navy blue skirt
- Navy blue shorts
- Plain black long or ¾ pants (no brand/make of any jeans is acceptable, no tights)
- Plain white shirt with collar and sleeves (No T-shirts)
- Plain navy blue jumper or cardigan
- White socks/black stockings, if cold

Senior Boys (Years 11-12)
- Plain white shirt with collar and sleeves (No T-shirts)
- Plain grey shorts/trousers
- Plain royal blue jumper
- Grey/white socks

Physical Education/Sport Uniform – Girls and Boys
- Sky blue shirt with contrast royal blue collar and tab front.
- Plain black shorts (no coloured trims)
- Plain royal blue jumper
- Plain black track pants
- Fully enclosed joggers, that have a good grip and fit well. (No thongs or sandals will be permitted)
- White socks