Principal's Report

Last Wednesday 14th August Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Minister for Education Bill Shorten announced the outcomes of Round 5 Phase 1 of the Trades Training Centres in Schools Program and I am pleased to report that our application for a Hospitality Trade Training Centre has been approved for initial funding. This means we have received $1,000,000 for the purpose of refurbishing our kitchen facilities. The refurbishment will take out the entire kitchen block with the exception of one kitchen, which will initially remain the same while we await the outcome of a further application for funding. The new facility will be a state-of-the-art industrial kitchen, preparation area, change room and laundry. An alfresco dining area will be built immediately behind the kitchen area. The facility will be used by senior hospitality students. The next step will be the finalisation of plans and then the facility will go out to tender. I am unsure of the completion date but I will keep everyone posted as we learn more.

Congratulations Claire McKean

Congratulations to Claire McKean, who has been selected as a NSW Combined High Schools Team Member in the sport of Squash. The NSWCHS Squash Team will be touring New Zealand from August 24th to 1st September 2013, competing against both Queensland and New Zealand.

Class of 2003 Reunion

I have been informed that the Grafton High School class of 2003 will be holding a reunion on the 28th September, 2013. I will provide further details as they become available.

SRC School Disco

The SRC will be holding the next school disco this Wednesday 21st August from 7 pm to 10 pm. The theme is – “When I grow up”. A reminder that students who are currently on a discipline level, currently on suspension, have been suspended for violence in the last 12 months or who have had more than 5 instances where they have been out of uniform without a note this term will not be permitted to attend.

School Merit Rewards Excursions

Similarly, as we near the time of the year when year advisers begin organising merit excursions for their year groups, it is worthwhile outlining the requirements for students to be eligible to attend. Students may be deemed as being ineligible to attend this excursion for any of the following reasons:

- If they have 10 or more negative RISC entries for the year. Note that RISC (Register of Individual Student Contacts) is an electronic database used by the school to record instances of both positive and negative student behaviour;
- If they are placed on Level 1 for two or more times during the year;
- If they are placed on Level 1 at any time during term 4;
- If they are placed on Level 2 at any time during the year;
- If they are suspended during the year;
- If they have outstanding N-award warnings or letters of Unsatisfactory Performance in any subject. Note that students can usually redeem such a warning by completing and submitting any outstanding work; or
- If they have more than 5% of unexplained absences over the year.

Year 12 attend the Mystery Tour the school organises for them at the end of this term. For all other years the merit rewards excursions occur later in term 4. Permission notes will be issued closer to the excursion date. This year, we are working towards running a year 10 camp, both as a final end of year merit rewards excursion and also so that students can undertake peer support training prior to working with next year’s year 7.

These excursions serve to reward those students who consistently meet both academic and behavioural expectations at school. Students who are deemed ineligible to attend but who have since demonstrated a sustained change in commitment and behaviour can apply for permission to attend in writing to the Principal. The form for this process will be made available to students next term.

Peter South - Principal
Upcoming Events:
19-23/8 Yr 7 – 10 Maths Assessment Week
21/8 – SRC Disco 7 – 10 pm
26/8 – 6/9 Yr 7 - 10 PE Gymnastics
27/8 Yr 8 Police Talks
29/8 Yr 10 Love Bites
9/9 Yr 7 Immunisations
9 – 20/9 Final Preliminary Exams
10/9 Yr 8 Police Talks
11/09 Yr 9 Immunisations
12/9 Yr 7 Stellar 9-11am GDSC
22/9 Last Day Term 3

Vietnam History Excursion
Part 3 - Hoi An
After experiencing a city that 8.5 million people call home, we said goodbye to Ho Chi Minh City and arrived in Hoi An in central Vietnam. Located on the coast and only a short cycle away from the beach, we stayed in a beautiful hotel located amongst the tailors and leather shops that make Hoi An famous. After arriving we were taken on a walking tour by our guide to the Old Quarter, where we visited a silk emporium and saw the production of silk from the worms to the weaving of scarves. The streets of Hoi An were lined with trees, restaurants and shops and provided an opportunity for us to see a part of traditional Vietnamese culture.

GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL – ENVIRO WEEK
It’s that time of the year again! As part of our small efforts to make the world a better place, we are running our annual Environment Week. This year we will be running our program during Week 8, from September the 2nd until the 6th. The program is as follows:
Monday – Earth Day: Just like the Dark Ages, our aim on this day is to turn off most electrical appliances, from lights to air-conditioners.
Tuesday – Bake Day: The committee will be selling a variety of baked goodies at recess for
your enjoyment, with proceeds to go towards an environment project in the school.

**Wednesday – Garden Day:** The committee will be replanting the garden beds in T-Block.

**Thursday – No Waste Day:** All students are encouraged to bring a waste-free lunch. Students who do so will receive a raffle ticket in On-Trac, and be in the draw for a secret voucher.

**Friday – Tee For A Tree Day:** This has become our biggest event over the past five years. Students are encouraged to wear a T Shirt of their choice, bring $2, and will be rewarded with a native seedling from the Grafton Tree Farm. This is always a fantastic day.

So come and join in the fun! The committee is watching!

**HSC music Assembly**
- 16/08/2013

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**Community Notices**

**South Services Cricket Club** is holding a sign on at JJ Lawrence fields on Saturday August 31st from 9 am til 12 noon for juniors and senior players.

Enquiries to Karen Cleaver - 0417 248 134 or email clokaren@yahoo.com.au for a registration form.

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**Tee for a Tree Day**

**Bring $2 and wear a tee of your choice**

**And you get a FREE Tree!!!!**

**Friday 6th September**
RAISING WOMEN
A unique opportunity to celebrate your girl’s journey into womanhood

PROGRAM AND 2-DAY BUSH CAMP FOR GIRLS AGED 13-15 AND THEIR MOTHER OR A FEMALE MENTOR. INCLUDES FOLLOW UP & FATHERS’ PROGRAM.

The Raising Women program equips girls with the knowledge they need to blossom into womanhood in a truly healthy way. Girls are welcomed into womanhood and acknowledged by a group of older women, mothers and facilitators, who carry the stories, mysteries, insights and wisdom to support the girls. The rite of passage process strengthens the relationship between mother and daughter, supports and acknowledges the gifts and qualities of the young women and provides them with vital life education.

A safe and appropriate rite of passage is missing in our modern society. This is a fantastic opportunity for our girls to receive the support they need from older women at this critical time in their life.

NEXT CAMP

4 - 6 October

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