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Principal’s Report
Hopefully you have been following the reports on our History trip to Vietnam that have appeared in both our newsletter and in the Daily Examiner. The pictures do tell a thousand words in this case and show what a wonderful experience this trip was for the students who participated.

Class of 2003 Reunion
I mentioned previously that the class of 2003 is holding their reunion. The reunion will be held at the Grafton District Services Club on Saturday the 28th of September. Barefoot Bowls will commence from 4pm, with drink specials, meal specials and a band into the evening. There are no costs for attending; those attending are being asked for a donation to cover a presentation to the school and a small cost for the security and venue hire. Each person will buy their own drinks and meal as they choose. RSVP to: Sarah.Faraday@ogilvy.com.au

State Squash Results
Congratulations to our male and female squash team who have placed third in the state after some very, very narrow defeats to the eventual champions. Well done!

GoArt – HELP NEEDED!
The P&C is holding its inaugural Grafton Open Art Exhibition during the October long weekend from the 4th to 6th October. Students and members of the public are invited to enter. This is going to be the major fundraiser for our P&C this year and so the P&C are asking for assistance from parents and students in the selling of raffle tickets. Tickets are $2 each and are available in books of 10. Ticket books can be collected from Mrs Kelly at the school front office. Money and ticket stubs need to be returned by the end of term. Prizes are:
- 1st Prize - Victoria’s Restaurant fine dining Voucher (valued at $100) plus Free Studio Sitting & 10x8” Enlargement Grafton Fast Photos
- 2nd Prize - Harvey Norman 14x30” Framed Canvas Print (valued at $125)
- 3rd Prize - Limited Edition Drawing ‘Kookaburra’ Print by S. Green ($70) plus Grafton Coffee Club Voucher ($25)
- 4th Prize - Goodies Basket & LTR Robot electronic toy (Cummings)

Peter South - Principal

Exhibition Opening 6pm Friday 4th October
Saturday 10 -5pm 5th October &
Sunday 10 – 4 pm 6th October
Where: Grafton High Multi Purpose Centre, Fry Street Grafton
Entries Close September 20, 2013
Entry Forms available from GHS Office or web www.fayboydsfineartschool.com or email at info@fayboydsfineartschool.com or GoArt.ghs@gmail.com.au

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**Vietnam History Excursion**

**Part 4 –**

Above - Painting Ceramic Bowls

Above - Farewell Dinner in Hanoi

Above - In transit in Singapore Airport

Above - View of Halong Bay

Above - Ho Chi Minh’s Mausoleum Hanoi

Above - Inside caves at Halong Bay

Above - Perfume Pagoda

Above - teachers at Hanoi Airport

Above - Dressed for Royal Dinner

**Year 10 EXCELeRate**

In week 3, the Year 10 selective class departed Grafton and journeyed towards Ballina on the first day of the Southern Cross University EXCELeRate experience. Along the way they stopped to pick up other students attending the excursion from Maclean, Lismore and Wollongbar before arriving at the Dunes on Shelly Beach in Ballina. This is where they stayed over the next four days.

That afternoon after everyone arrived, Danielle Fisher, the SCU Head-Start Project Officer, took the students down to the beach for a walk. Afterwards, she split everyone up into their dorms, forcing everyone from the different schools to mix and bond. That night, Danielle grouped us again and each had to create a team name, design a team costume and come up with three things everyone had in common. She also gave everyone a challenge to accomplish over the next 2 days – a treasure hunt where each group had to find something yellow, something blue, something starting with S, C and U, a fork, a knife and a spoon. There was also a swap it up challenge that would continue over the next 2 days as well. Groups started with a piece of paper and
attempt to swap the paper for an item of greater value then keep swapping the item with others of greater value.

On Wednesday morning, everyone was on the bus by 8am to travel to Southern Cross University in Lismore. There everyone would attend 2 workshops. The people who attended the “Get Creative!” workshop created some amazing art works, “Market THIS!” learnt the world of business and marketing works and “EXTENDED!” were taught how to edit their stories and taught some writing skills by the author, Melaina Faranda. The afternoon sessions included lectures on creative writing, resume building, publishing your writing and law. After lunch, everyone got a tour of the campus and attended a student panel session where they got to ask current student of SCU about their experience at the University.

Thursday was spent at the Byron Bay Writers Festival. The sessions available included an ex-soldier, a CIA agent and Steve Bisley, to name a few who talked about their books and experiences. At the end of the day, the EXCELerate students attended a private Q&A with Melina Marchetta and Robin de Crespiigny and were given advice in writing their stories.

An extreme handstand challenge occurred following a beach walk when we returned to our accommodation Thursday afternoon before the evening trivia challenge. Everyone gathered in their groups that were created on Tuesday and were challenged on different subjects including Music and Science. The group costumes were modelled that night along with the results of the treasure hunt and the paper swap delivered.

Friday, everyone packed up to leave and travelled to the Gold Coast campus. They were given information about applying to SCU along with costing information for courses. Afterwards the student separated to attend different lectures about different courses that are available. Some of these were Arts, Social Science, Civil Engineering, Information Technology and Teaching. After lunch it was time to go home. As each person arrived at their drop-off point, there were heart-warming goodbyes as the Grafton High students were sad to see their newly made friends leave.

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.
HSC Wood Technology

Above- Mark Riddell

Above- Shaun Guilfoyle

Above- Billy Whalan

Above- Thomas Graham

GDSC EASTS CRICKET CLUB

SIGN ON FOR THE 2013-14 SEASON

When: Saturday 31st August, 2013 and Saturday 14th September, 2013

Where: GDSC BBQ area.

Time: 9am to 12 noon.

Players of all ages required.

New players most welcome.

Write it Right Workshop

On August the 13th Aboriginal students from Year 7 and 8 were invited to take part in a writing workshop facilitated by Mrs Patterson with Bernadette Basset’s help.

The workshop is part of the Investing in Focus Schools “Write it Right” program; a program aimed at improving the literacy of Aboriginal students state-wide.

The workshop proved to be a great success as students thought about the value of writing in their lives as well as thinking about what they can achieve with their writing in the future.

This was the first workshop in the program with other workshops scheduled later in the year.

Above – The group of Write it Right.

Above – Hard at work.

GDSC EASTS CRICKET CLUB cont:

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