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Vale Josh Allen

It is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of Josh Allen. Josh passed away last Tuesday evening after suffering from a brain stem tumour for some time. Josh was a student who had a wide range of interests and involved himself in cultural, academic and sporting opportunities. Many would remember him as one of the leading roles in our last two musicals. He represented the school in cricket, soccer and futsal and was a member of the selective class in year 10.

Josh was a well loved member of the school community and he will be deeply missed by all.

Principal's Report

I would like to thank staff, students and parents for the way in which they dealt with and supported each other in dealing with the loss of Josh. The “green” day on Thursday was a great tribute to Josh and demonstrated how those students who knew him well wanted to remember him in a positive way. I would like to thank the support provided by our district counselling services. Counselling was made available to staff and students and this will continue for anyone in the school community that requires support. Our school counsellor Mrs Lasker is available for all students to speak to.

HSC Examinations

Our year 12 students will commence their HSC examinations this week. The majority of students will sit their English examination on Monday and begin four weeks of examinations. I wish them all the best as they near the completion of their school life. Students should feel free to contact their teachers for any assistance in the preparation for their exams during this time.

Christmas Hampers

We have been approached by True Vine Christian Fellowship and have offered to help with the collection of non-perishable food items for families in need at Christmas. In the last few years they have successfully provided Christmas hampers and food items for local disadvantaged community families in severe need.

If you would like to donate some food items then a collection basket will be located at the front office for anyone who may want to contribute to this program. It is asked that use by dates of any item is after January 2015 to ensure the quality of the food items.

Year 10 Examinations

The year 10 examinations have been rescheduled to Tuesday, 28th October. Students will be issued with a new notification sheet this week to ensure that they are aware of the changes.

Building Works

The school is currently having some building work completed and also the installation of tactile paving to assist students with a vision impairment. Improvements to walkways between buildings will also occur in the coming weeks.

Daniel Moar – Relieving Principal
New Books to GHS Library

Alba loves her life just as it is. She loves living behind the bakery, and waking up in a cloud of sugar and cinnamon. She loves drawing comics and watching bad TV with her friends. The only problem is she’s overlooked a few teeny details:

Like, the guy she thought long gone has unexpectedly reappeared.
And the boy who has been her best friend since forever has suddenly gone off the rails.
And even her latest comic-book creation is misbehaving.

Also, the world might be ending – which is proving to be awkward.
As Doomsday enthusiasts flock to idyllic Eden Valley, Alba’s life is thrown into chaos. Whatever happens next, it’s the end of the world as she knows it. But when it comes to figuring out her heart, Armageddon might turn out to be the least of her problems.

Will Ashley

Will Ashley spoke to year 9 select and 11 sports class about his cycling trip from Daley Waters, NT to Grafton to raise money for the Australian Cancer Research Foundation. At 19 years of age, Will has been working his gap year at the Daley Waters Hotel before embarking on his cycling journey. He has cycled over 3500 km in 24 days and has raised $9300 to date. Will grew up in Bellingen and has lived his life to the full. He has previously completed a 40 day kayak paddle of the Murray River as well as a 600 km cycling adventure from Coffs Harbour to Sydney fundraising in the past 3 years.

WANTED

The science department is looking for donations of LARGE fish tanks please.
If you have any tanks please contact Mrs Blackburn at GHS.
Stellar Program — now located at the Grafton Library

For parents, carers and students every Tuesday 3-5pm at the Grafton Library SCU Study Space. No appointment necessary. Just drop in – use the door facing the carpark.

Need advice about university?
- The different ways into university (pathways)
- Costs of study and living away from home
- What life is like at university
- Scholarship options
- Help to navigate university websites
- Course options
- Flexible study options

Take advantage of the Stellar YourTutor online tutorial service (year 9 to year 12). Access YourTutor here.
Ph: 0428 992 308 | troy.irwin@scu.edu.au | stellar.edu.au

Do YOU look after someone who has...
* Long term illness?
* Disability?
* Mental illness?

Do YOU do things like...
* Shopping, cooking, cleaning, paying bills, help with showering and dressing, give medication and offer support then.....

YOU are a young carer

We may be able to help YOU with....
* Respite — need a break
* Help at home
* Getting to sport or other activities
* Tutoring or time to study

Freecall™ 1800 052 222*
Ncics from mobiles charged at available rate.
The Comrionebh Raphoe's Carerln Centre will talk to you and your family about how we may be able to support YOU.

* 1800 052 222 is a free service for young carers in NSW.