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Principal's Report

Congratulations to our students involved in the Archibull competition. We are one of the finalists for the event and the judges were extremely impressed with both the cow itself and also with the way our students presented and demonstrated what they had learnt. Given that this was our first time in this competition I am very proud of the work our students have done and particularly wish to acknowledge the enthusiasm and hard work of all staff involved, especially Mr Brown and Ms Hilton. It is clear that this was valuable learning for the students and I am hoping that the school can continue to participate in such rich learning tasks in the future.

Remembrance Day

Yesterday, we held a special Remembrance Day service at the school, as we do each year to mark this significant event in our modern history and to remember the sacrifice of those who fought in World War One as well as all conflicts in which Australia has been involved.

I have to say that the service we conduct at Grafton High School would have to be the best I have seen at any school in the state and parallels the quality of services I have participated in during my time in the Air Force. It is totally run by our SRC, with the school band playing and the local Grafton Army Cadet Unit as the Cenotaph Guard. Our students all treat this event with the greatest respect. You really could have heard a pin drop yesterday during the minute's silence. It is at times like this that I am extremely proud of our school and our students. Yet again I have to acknowledge the organisation of Mr Strano as SRC coordinator and the work of Mrs Worrell and Mr Townley with our school band, who played flawlessly.

P&C Christmas Meeting

The P&C will be holding its final Christmas meeting on the 4th of December at 6 pm in the staff common room. All of those parents who have been involved in the P&C this year are welcome to join us for pizza and our final meeting for the year. If you were not at the last meeting and would like to attend this meeting then please RSVP to either myself or P&C President Richard Green so that we can cater for numbers on the night. The P&C will also be holding a thank you luncheon for parent volunteers. Invitations for the luncheon will go out shortly through the canteen.

2016 Selective High School Applications

Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016 will close at 10pm on 17 November 2014. This process is only for current year 5 students who intend enrolling in our selective stream in year 7 in 2015. Existing selective students and those who already have entry for 2015 do not need to reapply.

The application information booklet and application website link are on the High Performing Students Unit’s website at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

Please pass this information on to anyone you believe may be interested. I have already informed our main partner primary schools. Talented students require a more enriched and challenging learning environment in order to reach their full potential. The selective stream at Grafton High School provides this opportunity and entry to this stream can only be guaranteed through this application process.

Peter South, Principal
New Books to GHS Library

The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick. Orphan, clock keeper, and thief, Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity. But when his world suddenly interlocks with an eccentric, bookish girl and a bitter old man who runs a toy booth in the station, Hugo’s undercover life, and his most precious secret, are put in jeopardy. A cryptic drawing, a treasured notebook, a stolen key, a mechanical man, and a hidden message from Hugo’s dead father form the backbone of this intricate, tender, and spellbinding mystery.

Upcoming Events:

November

Week 6 B
10-14th Year 7-9 Exams
10-14th ESSA Test
11th Year 9 Police Talks
12th Year 12 Graduation Formal
13th RRISK Year 11

Week 7 A
17-18th Year 9 Stellar Excursion- UNE
21st Year 10 Stellar CVC Role Model Forum

Week 8 B
24-28th Heron Island Excursion
24-28th School Spectacular; Sydney
27-28th Queensland University Excursion
27th P & C Meeting 7pm

December

Week 9 A
1-3rd Variety Night Rehearsals

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Helping better drivers become safer drivers

Stella’s Café

Have your say

Have your say about the Clarence River

The Clarence Valley Council has established a public consultation process to develop their new Draft Local Environment Plan. The Draft Plan will be open for public comment on Tuesday 15 December 2015 until Monday 18 January 2016. The Plan will set out Council’s policies and strategies for managing the local environment.

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