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Principal's Report
All NSW public schools are required to report on student academic progress at least twice per year. At Grafton High School we report on student academic progress three times a year and have two parent teacher evenings. To ensure that parents/carers and students get an early indication of how students are performing the school produces an “Interim Report” near the end of term 1 each year, followed by a Parent-Teacher evening. The Interim Report is simply a quick indicator of how a student is generally performing as far as their progress and their attitude to learning. It does not include any marks or ranking and serves to give an early warning of student progress so that there is time to correct or improve upon this progress prior to the Mid-Course and Yearly reports.

This year, reports will be handed out in the final two weeks of school, with the Parent-Teacher evening occurring from 3:30 pm until 6:00 pm on Tuesday 8th April in D-Block classrooms (entry via Mary Street gate)

iPads for Schools
A reminder to parents and carers to collect the vouchers from the Daily Examiner for a chance to win 10 iPads for the school. (See the Examiner for details).

Peter South - Principal

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they’ll sit NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard, there's no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child.


Comprehension help at home
Every subject relies on students having the ability to understand what they’re reading and then use the information in a certain way. Here’s how to check your child’s comprehension and help them to improve.


Essay help video
Teachers talk about essay structure and how parents can help, even if they're not familiar with the topic. The package comes complete with a range of useful reference sheets on tasks such as critical analysis, evidence and references.


University Myth #3

True or false?
University is mostly just for young people and school leavers. Once you pass this particular time in your life, it’s generally too late for you to come back to university and study.

False - Actually, many university students who apply through the alternative entry processes are not recent school leavers. They are often people who’ve gained life experience either in the work force, travelled or working as parents and carers of family. University is for everyone.

Come to the STELLAR Family Event to find out how you and your family can get to university.

Wednesday 26 March 5:30pm – 6:30pm at Grafton Community Centre

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PBL Poster Package Contest

At Grafton High School we value positive behaviour and strive to make our school a safe and caring environment. We have recently launched our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) program within the school with a very exciting competition open to all students of Grafton High. This competition requires students to redesign our current posters relating to PBL. This means that students must put forward a complete package of work covering all aspects of PBL. The designs will be voted on by the student body as well as staff. The winning design will be displayed throughout the school and in Grafton Shoppingworld. The winning designer will receive a $100 gift voucher for any shop in Grafton Shoppingworld, who are a major sponsor of our PBL program.

For a chance to win, students need to do the following:

- Submit a package with a redesign of the SHARE poster, classroom expectations and procedures posters and SHARE tokens. All materials need to be consistent and have a common theme across the four items in the package.
- The package must reflect the core values of Grafton High in some way.
- The package must be submitted in digital format.
- The design should be based on three positive, dominant colours.
- The size of the posters should be A3 with the SHARE tokens remaining at the size they are.

Closing date for submissions is: Friday of week 8 (21/03/14)

Submissions are to be made to either Mr Townley in the CAPA/LOTE staff room or Mrs McLennan and Ms Hargreaves in the welfare staff room.

Good luck everyone! The PBL committee looks forward to seeing all your designs!

Two Runs Short

Amy Riddell and Kaitlin Pardoe represented North Coast cricket at the State Championships in Nowra recently. It was a successful week for the team and a prime illustration of how important every run can be. North Coast lost only 1 game by 2 runs during the tournament which cost them a place in the final. They went on to claim 3rd place with a convincing win over Riverina.

Both girls made valuable contributions to the team with Amy showing some courageous batting performances and claiming 4 wickets for 41 runs. Kaitlin chipped in with a very economical 3 wickets for 14 runs.

Well done girls.

V. Nichols (NC coach)
Grant Collins

Performing
Friday 28 March 2014, 7.00pm
Clarence Valley Conservatorium
8 Villiers Street, Grafton

Tickets $25 Adults, $10 Students (U18)
Available from Clarence Valley Conservatorium

2 Day Drum Clinic, $20 (Sat 29 & Sun 30 Mar.)
Juniors 8 - 14yrs, Seniors 15yrs +

Registration forms available from Clarence Valley Conservatorium Office

Grant Collins is one of the forerunners in the industry, forever pushing the limits and confines of music and leading cutting edge, creative and unconventional drumming. His approach defies stereotypical drum set methodologies with his innovative and enthralling solo drum set compositions. Grant uses all four limbs both individually and as a collective, to present multi-timbral sound scapes, defining the drum set as a contemporary solo instrument for the world stage.

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**Teacher Nominated Awards**

When a student earns six (Years 7-10) or four (Years 11-12) awards from the Formal Year Group Merit Assemblies, they will be awarded a School Award*.

The Principal’s Awards are presented at Presentation Night to students who earn at least 8 (Years 7-10) or 6 (Years 11-12) awards from 8 or 6 different areas at the Formal Year Group Merit Assemblies, throughout the year.

The student from each year group who has achieved the greatest number of individual awards throughout the year receives an Outstanding Achiever certificate in recognition of this achievement.

* These 6 or 4 awards must include at least 3 (Years 7-10) or 2 (Years 11-12) Faculty Awards, from different Key Learning Areas and teachers.

### Gold, Silver and Bronze Merit Award Scheme

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