Principal's Report

Anzac Day Ceremony
Last Tuesday the school held a formal commemorative assembly for Anzac day. The entire assembly was run by the SRC, under the guidance of Mr Strano. It was supported by the Grafton Army Cadet Unit and our school band and choir, under the guidance or Mrs Worrell and Mr Townley.

The ceremony was the best school ceremony I have ever witnessed and I was extremely proud of all our students, both those involved in the ceremony and those participating as audience members. Only a few days earlier I had also the privilege of marching with a large number of Grafton HS students in the Anzac parade and listening to our school captain, Kurt Bloomer, deliver a speech during the ceremony. Photos of the ceremony have been included below the school ceremony photos will be in week 3 newsletter.

Being involved in both these days renews my faith in our youth. There were a large number of students involved in both events and their contribution reassures me that the Anzac legacy will continue to live on through them. Well done to all involved!

Book Covering
Thanks to Mr Pursey, Mrs Tarrant and Mrs Merry who joined me at our working bee on the weekend. It was a long day but we managed to get all of our class sets of the new textbooks covered and ready to issue to students. Given the time spent ensuring the books are covered and ready to use and the money spent by the school and P&C to purchase these books, it is appropriate to take this opportunity to remind all parents about the textbook cover. The canteen sells a textbook cover for $5.50. This allows students to carry their Maths textbook to and from school without damaging it. It means students are less likely to have to pay for the replacement of damaged books and keeps the books in good condition for future generations of students. We ask all students to protect their textbook with a cover and appreciate the support of parents in this request.

Mr Pursey, Mrs Tarrant and Mrs Merry hard at work covering Maths textbooks

Uniform Stock
I have been asked by the canteen to let parents know that a new stock of jumpers has arrived. Sport shirt sizes 4, 10 and 12 are now in stock. These and other uniform items can be purchased from the uniform shop in the school canteen up until 1 pm each day.

Peter South - Principal
Upcoming Events:

May
2nd University Open Day
7th Cross Country
13-14th Year 7 & 9 NAPLAN
15-17th Senior History Trip – Sydney
19-23th Yr7 to Yr10 Mid-Course Exams
20th ICAS Computing Skills Competition
22nd P&C Meeting
23rd Year 12 Reports Issued
27th Year 12 Parent Interviews
27-30th Year 9 Camp
29th Merit Awards Assembly

June
2nd Year 10 Police Talks
4th ICAS Science Competition
11th Year 10 Select Sci. & Eng. Challenge
16th ICAS Writing Competition
16th Year 10 Police Talks
17th ICAS Spelling Competition
19th Central Network Dance Festival
27th Last Day Term 2

July
14th Term 2 Commences
14th Staff Development Day
15th All students return
16th Year 7 – 11 Reports Issued

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Community Notices

Valley Made Boutique Market

Date: Sunday 4th May
Time: 9 am - 2 pm
Venue: South Grafton Ex-servicemen’s Club

The National Council of Women of New South Wales
is honoured to announce
the 5th annual

MARIE BASHIR PEACE AWARDS
CLOSING DATE — JUNE 20, 2014

These awards are open to girls attending a school in New South Wales.

WHO CAN BE NOMINATED?
• One pupil in Year 10, Year 11 or Year 12 from each school.
• The Nominee must have made a significant contribution to harmony or social justice.
• The Nominee must have displayed leadership in fostering harmonious relationships.
• The Nominee should be willing to attend the presentation function on the date selected as close as possible to the United Nations International Day of Peace, September 21, and address the audience on the nature of her contribution (approx. 3 minutes).
• The Nominee will not previously have received this award.

HOW TO NOMINATE?
• All nominations must be made by the school principal on the attached Registration Form and signed by the principal, the student and a parent of the student.
• The principal may nominate one female student from the school in accordance with the above listed criteria for Nominees and provide Reason for Nomination (maximum 300 words).
• With the principal’s nomination must be a signed statement from the Nominee containing information on activities pursued and programs initiated relevant to the award.
• Completed nominations must be posted, emailed or faxed to National Council of Women NSW by the closing date of June 20, 2014.

Award Winners will be selected by the Awards Committee of N CW NSW

Presentation of 2014 Awards will take place at Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney. Date (close to September 21, UN International Day of Peace) and time to be confirmed.

CASH AWARDS OF $250.00 EACH & CERTIFICATES FOR THE WINNING AWARDEES AND FOR THEIR SCHOOLS

Winners of Awards, their parents and their respective school principals will be advised of the date of the Awards Presentation by the Awards Committee.

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AND IN THE MORNING.
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The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the costs of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2013 – 2014 the rebate gives:

• A $125 credit against electricity bills for eligible applicants who receive electricity from an electricity retailer.

• A $137.50 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a caravan or mobile home park and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:

• Be eligible for Family Tax Benefit A or B during 2012-2013 and have received a relevant payment; and

• Be the primary account holder of an electricity retailer, OR a long-term resident of a caravan or mobile park home, whose name appears on the electricity bills supplied by the park operator.

YOU CHOOSE HOW YOU WANT TO APPLY FOR THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE

• ONLINE – it takes a few minutes to submit and processing starts immediately.

• PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post.

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