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Principal's Report

GoArt Exhibition

A big thank you to all involved in making the P&C GoArt exhibition a success. We had several hundred entries, many posted in from across the state and even inter-state. The addition of photography this year saw some outstanding work presented, not just by adults in the open section, but also by our students. Curt Edwards took out the overall prize with a beautiful landscape oil painting (see below). Tom Moar took out the junior prize for his sculpture. Other prize winners in the junior section included Ryan Eggins, Annabel Green, Julia Green, Hayleigh Knox and Jasmine Parmenter.

The musical performances and the food prepared and served by our hospitality students was fantastic and commented on by many of those in attendance. The students who assisted with the hanging of work were fantastic and a great help.

I wanted to thank everyone involved, especially those parents who assisted on the door and in other duties over the weekend. I particularly want to acknowledge the work of the organising committee including our P&C President – Richard Green, Mrs Green, Mr Williams, Mrs Want, Mrs Landenberger and Ms Palmer. I also acknowledge the many sponsors of the event, a long list of local businesses that I will include in the next newsletter. If you missed the exhibition then Mrs Faye Boyd has again kindly purchased and donated one of the works, which will go up on permanent display in our office area.

Finally, I particularly acknowledge the contribution of staff and students. Many of our staff do not have children attending the school and yet they gave significant time towards making the event a success, above and beyond what is expected of them. The contributions of staff included: Karla Hubbard (hanging work), Rowena Lucas (hanging work), Cassie Palmer (organising committee), Jenny Worrell (musical performance), Neil Norton (hospitality), Tracey Wilks (hospitality),
Belita Christiansen (hospitality), Shirley Kelly (admin), Linda Bloch (on the door), Gayle Kahle (on the door), Jenny Sneesby (canteen), Dean Reimer (Judge). If I missed anyone else then I apologise, there were so many people that pitched in to make the event a success.

Congratulations to the P&C for running this event. It was an outstanding opportunity to showcase both adult and student artwork.

Since “a picture paints a thousand words”, I will let the pictures do the rest of the talking and have included many of these on the following pages, including the work of our student winners.

Education Week
This week is Education Week and is the 60th Anniversary of Education Week. It was quite fitting then that we entered the week on the tail end of our highly successful GoArt Exhibition, which included a significant amount of high quality student work from across the Clarence Valley.

This week the Grafton Community of Schools has a static display at Shopping World, where you can view some of the winning entries from GoArt. There will also be student displays at different times throughout the week, including musical performances. Apparently the “Archibull” may make an appearance at Shopping World later this week.

I would like to thank Mr O’Loughlin and Ms Palmer for helping set up the display and all staff involved in the upcoming performances. I want to especially acknowledge Grafton Shopping World, who have been extremely generous and helpful in accommodating our displays and in supporting education in Grafton through this and other programs, such as our PBL program.

Peter South - Principal

Chess News

Congratulations to the Grafton High Chess Team for making for the semi-finals for the NSW Junior Chess League.

Good luck for the upcoming match!

Miss Tamp - Chess Coordinator

PBL Update

Term 3 has already started off with a bang for PBL! We have had our first SHARE token draw with Byron Dyball-McIenmann from Year 7 taking out the prize! Byron received a $20 Target gift voucher.

At the end of last term our winners of the poster redesign competition were announced. The winning entry was from Tiana Johnston and Jasmine Nash of Year 10. These girls received a gift voucher of $100 for the shop of their choice in Grafton Shoppingworld. Congratulations girls!

Our focus for this week in PBL is safety within the school. Our weekly OnTrac lessons are specifically designed to target each of our core values to encourage students to think of their behaviour and how they interact with each other. We will continue to reinforce these positive behaviours throughout the school year.

More exciting PBL related ventures are currently in the works, so keep your eyes peeled! A special thank you must also go to our major sponsor for the school PBL program, Grafton Shoppingworld. From their generous support we are able to continue providing prizes to the students.

Mr Townley

Upcoming Events:

July

Week 3 A
28th Writers Roadtrip
29th ICAS English
30th HSC Performance Night MPC
31st Writers festival Byron Bay
31st P & C Meeting

August

1st Year 11 Primary Industries First Aid
1st NCCHS Regional Athletics

Week 4 B
4-15th HSC Trial Examinations MPC
4th Year 7 Stellar Day “Recipe for Success” HPSC
5th Years 7-9 Parent Teacher Interviews 3:45-6:00pm, Year 9 (2015) subject selection information evening – 6:15 – 7:00 pm
5-8th Ski Trip Perisher
6th Year 10 Love Bites

Week 5 A
11-12th HSC Dance Practical Exam
12th ICAS Maths
12th Year 8 Police Talks
13-15th Excursion to Narrabri (Cotton)
13th Year 10 Love Bites

Week 6 B
18-20th Ag Quip Excursion Gunnedah
20th Year 10 Love Bites
21-22nd Year 10 Rotary Youth Driving Awareness

Week 7 A
26th Year 8 Police Talks
27th Year 10 Love Bites
28th Aboriginal Performance 9.30am 10.30am
28th P & C Meeting

Week 8 B
Week 9 A
12th Year 12 Slave Auction
16th Year 12 Slave Day
18th Year 12 Mystery Bus Tour
8-19th Year 11 Final Preliminary Exams
10th Year 10 Creative Writing Camp Valla Beach

Week 10 B
19th Year 12 Graduation Assembly
19th Last Day Term 3

New Books to GHS Library

Seven Second Delay by Tom Easton.

Mila has 7 seconds. 7 seconds to fight. 7 seconds to escape. Seeking a new life on the futuristic Isles, Mila's time runs out - she's captured by Agents, who implant her with a phone that broadcasts her every move. Now she's on the run, hounded by an elite fighting force which is convinced she poses a dangerous threat to society. Her only advantage: a seven second delay. It's a race against time.

The Crystal Heart by Sophie Masson.

A girl in a tower, an underground kingdom, a crystal heart split in two, symbolising true love... Kasper is a guard watching a witch being held prisoner in a tower. But one day, he discovers that the prisoner is a beautiful princess, Izolda of Night, who is condemned by prophecy to die on her eighteenth birthday. Kasper decides to help her escape...