Principal’s Report
This week is SASS (School Administrative and Support Staff) Recognition Week. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding work that all of our non-teaching staff do every day in supporting the learning of your children. Without them the school would simply not function. We are blessed with a fantastic SASS team at Grafton High School and I am very proud of their professional work ethic and support for teachers and students. Please take the chance to thank them for their contribution when next you ring the school or speak to them regarding support for your child etc.

Uniform Order
As I mentioned last week in the newsletter and on Tuesday assembly when addressing students, we are running a second order for our new school junior jersey. Please see the last page of this newsletter for the order form.

Parent-Teacher Evening Survey
On the last page of this newsletter is a survey regarding some key aspects of the way we conduct parent-teacher evenings. We currently have only a small number of responses, which is not very representative, so we need more parents to complete the survey so that we can determine if changes are needed. Even if you are happy with current arrangements, please still complete the survey to indicate so.

Eligibility to attend school extracurricular activities
As I have mentioned numerous times before I would again like to make all parents aware of some of the restrictions in place for student attendance at non-mandatory school activities. There are five main reasons for restricting student attendance at such events:

Behaviour: Any student on a level 1 or 2 for behaviour monitoring are not permitted to attend any non-mandatory school activities whilst they are being monitored. In addition, at my discretion, any student with a significant recent history of poor or dangerous behaviour may be excluded from a particular non-mandatory school activity, depending upon the nature of their behaviour and the particular activity.

Uniform Compliance: Students who have 5 or more instances of being out of uniform without a parent note and good reason, since the last disco, are not permitted to attend the next disco.

Physical Violence: Any student who is physically violent, such that they are long suspended for physical violence, is not permitted to attend any non-mandatory school activities (such as discos and representative activities including sport) for a period of 12 months. This is reviewed after 6 months and the ban from attending these activities can be lifted in the case of good behaviour.

Suspension: Any student currently on a short or long suspension for any reason is not permitted to attend school or any school activities whilst they are on suspension.

Risk of Harm: As the result of a work health and safety risk assessment, any student who is assessed as posing a particular risk to themselves or others under certain circumstances, may be excluded from certain school activities where that risk cannot be effectively managed.

I would appreciate the understanding and support of parents/ carers in this respect. None of these conditions are permanent. In all cases students have the opportunity to redeem themselves and then go back to participating normally in these activities.

Permission for a child to leave school early: correct procedure
I need to make all parents aware that if you want to sign your child out from school early for the day to attend an appointment then the time you indicate on the note will be the time that the student will be allowed to leave class.

For example, if you have an appointment at a particular time, then you need to allow time for travel to that appointment and indicate the actual time you will need to pick up your child. This is a matter of duty of care and it is important that this is done correctly. We will not release children prior to the time indicated on the note.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Peter South – Principal
New Books to GHS Library

An Abundance of Katherines by John Green

When it comes to relationships, Colin Singleton's type is girls named Katherine. And when it comes to girls named Katherine, Colin is always getting dumped. Nineteen times, to be exact. On a road trip miles from home, this anagram-happy, washed-up child prodigy has ten thousand dollars in his pocket, a bloodthirsty feral hog on his trail, and an overweight Judge Judy-loving best friend riding shotgun - but no Katherines. Colin is on a mission to prove The Theorem of Underlying Katherine Predictability, which he hopes will predict the future of any relationship, avenge Dumpees everywhere, and finally win him the girl.

Upcoming Events:

September

Week 8 A
8-9th Year 11 Final Preliminary Exams

8th Tennis: Sydney

9th Hockey: Lithgow

9th Year 12 Work Studies Excursion – SES

10th Year 10 Creative Writing Camp Valla Beach

11th Bernina Trunk Show

12th Year 12 Slave Auction

Week 9 B
16th Slave Day

18th Year 12 Mystery Bus Trip

October

Week 1 A
6th Labour Day Public Holiday

7th School resumes for all staff & students

8-10th Year 10 Final Exams MPC

Week 2 B
13-17th HSC Exams MPC

14th Year 7 Immunisation

15th Senior Geo Ex Field Work

Week 3 A
20-24th HSC Exams MPC

21st Senior School Day: SCU Coffs

21st Year 12 English Study Day: Community Centre

23rd Year 7 2015 Taster Day GPS

23rd Year 9 Immunisation

23rd P & C Meeting: 7pm

24th Year 7 2015 Taster Day Westlawn PS + Copmanhurst, Lawrence, Baryulgil & non-Local Primary Schools

Week 4 B
27-31st HSC Exams MPC

28th Defence Force Presentation: AV Room

28th Year 9 Police Talk

November

Week 5 A
3rd-5th HSC Exams MPC

4th Year 7 2015 Parent Information Night GHS 6pm

Week 6 B
10-14th Year 7-9 Exams

11th Year 9 Police Talks

12th Year 12 Graduation Formal

13th RRISK Year 11

Week 7 A
17-21st

Week 8 B
24-28th Heron Island Excursion

24th School Spectacular: Sydney

27-28th Queensland University Excursion

27th P & C Meeting 7pm

December

Week 9 A

Week 10 B

Week 11 A

15-17th Last day 2014 for Students

18-19th Staff School Development Day

PBL UPDATE

PBL has been powering along this term with a number of exciting plans being put into place by the committee. All these exciting plans will be revealed closer to the dates of them being implemented. Also, our OnTrac lessons are in the process of being reworked putting stronger focus on our values as well as other areas of focus within the school. The focus for each week will be included in our newsletter each week.

The SHARE token program has been receiving a huge response throughout the term. There has been an overwhelming amount of entries each fortnight, which shows that students are displaying the correct behaviours throughout the school. The latest winner for the SHARE draw was Abbey Counsell from Year 7. Keep getting those entries in!

A huge thank you to our major sponsor Grafton Shoppingworld for their generous donation of prizes for our SHARE program.

Mr Townley
Parent-Teacher Evening Survey

Please complete the following quick survey and have your child return it to the box located in the front office.

1. In what years do you currently have children attending Grafton High School (please tick):
   - [ ] None
   - [x] 7
   - [ ] 8
   - [x] 9
   - [x] 10
   - [x] 11
   - [x] 12

2. How many parent-teacher evenings have you attended at Grafton High School over the last 6 years (please tick):
   - [ ] None
   - [ ] 1 – 4
   - [ ] More than 4

3. What is your preferred venue for the evening (please tick):
   - [ ] Current venue
   - [ ] School MPC/Hall
   - [ ] Other (please specify):
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4. What is your preferred method of organisation for appointments (please tick):
   - [ ] Current organisation
   - [ ] Pre-arranged appointments
   - [ ] Other (please specify):
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5. Is there anything else you would like to change about the current process (please specify):
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GHS Junior Jersey order form - 2014

Full Name (Print)________________________ Year Group __________

The jersey is a polycotton fabric in light blue, dark blue and white colours with the school crest on the front.

Please CIRCLE the size of shirt that you want to wear.
Sizing samples are available for you to try on at school in the PE house

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☺ Pay $63 to the front office by Fri 19th of September 2014
☺ Return this completed sheet to the box in the PE house.

I confirm the size required is correct. I will have paid in full by Fri 19th of September 2014.

Student signature _______________ Parent Signature ____________________

Jerseys will be available as soon as possible, hopefully 6-8 weeks after order is sent.

Please contact Mr Hartmann if you have any questions.