**Principal’s Report**

**Centenary Scholarship**

Congratulations to Felicia Clayton, Year 12. Felicia is the recipient of the school's inaugural Centenary Scholarship. There were a number of high-quality applications this year and the selection committee had a difficult time picking a winner. Felicia will receive a cheque for $1,000 towards supporting her to complete her HSC and progress on to further education.

**Swimming**

I would like to wish the best of luck to Charlie Steele, Year 10. Charlie is competing in the NSW All Schools Swimming Championships on 18th May at the Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre, with the hope of gaining selection in the Pacific Games team.

**Go Art Workshops**

As part of the P&C Go Art Exhibition and art sale, two different one day Art classes, suitable for adult & students, will be run at the school:

- Rhondella Hyde, a local Clarence Valley artist, will be running an acrylic painting class on Saturday 6th June, from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. The cost is $40 per student and $50 per adult, materials not included.
- Harold Le Jeune, a water colour artist from Port Macquarie, will be running a water colour painting class on Sunday 7th June, from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. The cost is $50 per student and $60 per adult, non-beginners, materials not included.

For further information about Go Art, visit the school website or see us on Facebook “Go Art”. For bookings and enquiries regarding the workshops, call Richard Green (P&C President) on 0408 418 486.

**100th Anniversary Graftonian**

A limited number of our 100th Anniversary Graftonian magazines are available for purchase from the school front office for $20.

**Centenary Garden Working Bee**

I would like to hold another working bee on Saturday 23rd May, starting at 9 am (meeting at the Fry St entrance), to work on paving for the Centenary garden. Any assistance would be appreciated.

Peter South - Principal

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**Centenary of Construction of the Original School Building (D – Block)**

By the beginning of 1915 the erection of the new high school building had proceeded so well that occupation was expected to take place in April. However, owing to the danger of the roots of a Moreton Bay fig and a Camphor Laurel tree finding their way into the drain pipes, and even into the foundation of the building, the completion of the contract was delayed until May 28. Construction again progressed quickly and the new premises were occupied for school purposes on May 17. The movement of about 120 high school students from the, now, Public School alleviated serious overcrowding at that school.

Expanding on a description by the Departmental Architect, the Clarence and Richmond Examiner a year earlier wrote:

“This building is to be a two-storied one, constructed with brick walls, relieved by large double windows to all the classrooms and smaller openings to other portions of the building. All the large openings have reinforced concrete, heads and the smaller neat brick arches. The gables and chimneys are to be finished with rough cast picked out with red band. The roof is to be covered with slate. The building provides for the following accommodation: Ground floor - four classrooms, one science room with storeroom attached, headmaster’s room, two hat and locker rooms, two lavatories, verandas and porch, two staircases. First floor - four classrooms, library, two staff rooms, corridors and balcony. All the classrooms are arranged to have the lighting on the left-hand side of students. Each classroom is provided with a fireplace, blackboard and press for school material. The whole four classrooms on the ground floor together with the corridor are arranged so that they may be thrown into one large room 88m by 28m by means of accordion partitions. (When necessary it was used as the assembly hall.) The walls throughout the building are to be rendered smooth with cement and standard light colours. The upper floor is of fire proof construction, as are also the two staircases, which are planned to give direct access from the upper floor to the playground. The science room will be fitted with student benches, lecturers' bench, dais and blackboard, balance shelves, shelving for stores, and sinks.
Lockers are provided for every student. All classrooms will be fitted with suitable single desks, leaving nothing to be desired so far as comforts and convenience are concerned. Plans were drawn up by the Departmental Architect and work is being carried out by day labour. It is estimated the building will cost 8,500 pounds. - David Williams

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Textile students do well at Grafton Show
Patchwork Quilt - Senior student
1st and most outstanding Exhibit - Breanna Rankin

Patchwork Quilt – Junior School Entry
1st Hayley Hannah & Samira Lawson
2nd Amber Sinclair

Textile Art - Senior School Entry

1st Tyarn Harris - Elephants

2nd Emma Street Sea Scape – Sea Turtle

Textile Art - Junior School Entry

1st Grace Moar – Turtle
2nd Makayla Laurie – Sea scape

Year 10 Food Technology
Year 10 Food Technology students have just completed their 1st Assessment task.
They provided morning tea to parents and office staff.
A big thank you to Mr Neil Nortons Year 11 Hospitality class and also Miss Tracey Wilks Year 12 Hospitality class for assisting in the preparation for the ANZAC 2015 100th Centenary Ride lunch.

Library News
Assignment starters A-Z
What projects or essays does your child have that are due by the end of term? One of them could be among the School A-Z website’s assignment starters – resources designed to point you in the right direction.

Find out more:
Book of the Week

1915 Do You Dare?

Review: Sherryl Clark has highlighted the stark reality of growing up during WWI.

Jimmy is a good kid. He goes to school, reluctantly, and loves to kick the footy with his friends. But life is tough. It is 1915. Jimmy is not only dealing with the death of his father, but is adjusting to life without his brother around, who is away fighting the war.

When his Mum becomes sick, Jimmy takes on the responsibility of being the only one who can feed the family. He has been a delivery boy and had a back-breaking job at the rail yards. But it is his work for Bill Prosser that is the most lucrative. Jimmy knows it could end in major trouble, but what choice does he have?

When Arthur returns home from the war as a shell of the strapping, young, handsome man he was, life just gets even more complicated. For such a young boy, Jimmy must make some extremely tough decisions. Will he make the biggest mistake of his life?

A great read for boys 12 and up.

Upcoming Events:

**Term 2**

**Week 4**
- 11/05 Mid Course Exams 8 and 10
- 12-15/05 NAPLAN Yr 7 & 9
- 14/05 Art LOTE excursion to Brisbane
- 15/05 Year 12 Reports Issued

**Week 5**
- 18-22/05 Year 7-10 Mid-Course Exams
- 19/05 ICAS Digital Technology
- 21/05 Year 7 Geology Excursion to Washpool.

**Week 6**
- 28/05 Police Talks Year 8
- 29/05 Athletics Carnival

**Week 7**
- 3/06 ICAS Science Assessment
- 4/06 Year 7 Immunisations
- 5/06 Year 11 & 12 Immunisations
- 5-8/06 GO-ART

**Week 8**
- 8/06 Queens Birthday Holiday
- 11/06 Police Talks Year 8
- 11/06 Slam Pottery Year 9-11

**Week 9**
- 15/06 Merit Assembly – whole day
- 15-19/06 Textile Excursion to Sydney
- Departs 9pm Monday
- Returns 5pm Friday
- 18/06 STELLAR The Great Yr 8

**Week 10**
- 22/6 NAIDOC Flag Raising
- 22-26/6 NAIDOC Week
- 24/06 Dirty Dancing Excursion
- 26/06 NAIDOC Touch Football & BBQ
- 26/06 Last Day Term 2

**TERM 3**

- 13/7 Staff Development Day
- 14/7 School resumes all students.
- 16/07 Sydney Quilt Show Year 11

**Week 2**
- 22/07 Opportunity Class Placement Test
- 23/07 Police Talk Year 9
- 23/07 STELLAR Recipe for Success

**Week 3**
- 28/07 ICAS English Assessment
- 30/07 Australian Maths Competition

**Week 4**
- 3-14/08 HSC Trials
- 4-8/08 Ski Trip – Year 10 and 11
- Departs Tuesday 4pm
- Returns Saturday 6am
- 6/08 Police Talk Year 9

**Week 5**
- 11/08 ICAS Mathematics
- 13/08 Bangara Dance Excursion Brisbane

**Week 6**
- 18/08 Police Talks Year 10

**Week 7**
- 27/08 Musical Performance School Day
- 28-29/08 Musical Evening Performance 6pm

**Week 8**
- 3-5/09 Musical Performance Evening 6pm

**Week 9**

**Week 10**

**Week 11**