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Principal’s Report
Grafton High Swimmer to Compete in International Championship

A very big congratulations to Year 10 student, Charlie Steele. Charlie has been selected in the NSW Pacific School Games swimming team to compete at an international championship in Adelaide this November. What a fantastic achievement!

More Artistic Talent at Grafton High
Congratulations to Ryan Eggins, Year 12. Ryan entered 6 paintings in the Grafton Show and has received three 1st places, one 2nd place and one Highly Commended. Ryan also won the 16 to 18 years Age Championship. In the photography section, Ryan entered three photos and was awarded one 1st Place and a Highly Commended.

National Reconciliation Week
This week is National Reconciliation Week. This year’s theme is, “it’s time to change it up”. Year 12 students, Briannan Kirby and Sidneigh Skinner, have done a fantastic job in organising a range of activities. These commenced with discussions and a survey conducted in OnTrac, and will culminate in a Reconciliation walk and morning tea with student and community leaders at the newly constructed Yarning Circle at Grafton Public School. A big thank you to Briannan and Sidneigh for showing such initiative in organising these activities.

Non-attendance Interview Program
As part of the Department of Education’s ongoing attendance strategy, the Home School Liaison Team have been interviewing some of our students this week to discuss attendance issues. The purpose of these interviews is to identify attendance problems and to discuss attendance issues with those students most at risk. All High Schools have been involved in this program in recent years. Year 7, 8 and 9 students identified with less than 85% attendance, and others as referred by the school, are interviewed by the HSLO team. A report will be provided to the school regarding student attendance and attendance procedures. Information gathered remains confidential.

Popstars the Musical
This year, Grafton and South Grafton High Schools, in collaboration with our local Primary Schools, are running a combined community schools Musical production. This year’s production is “Popstars” the musical. Performance dates are:
- 27th Aug – Schools’ Matinee
- 28th Aug – Public Evening
- 29th Aug – Public Matinee and Evening
- 3rd Sept – Friends and Folk
- 4th Sept – Public Evening
- 5th Sept – Public Evening

Go Art
We are getting closer and closer to our annual P&C Go Art Exhibition. As part of the exhibition, we are fortunate to be able to offer art workshops on the Saturday and Sunday. Brochures explaining the details of these workshops are being emailed with this newsletter.
Immunisations Week 7 Term 2
On June 4th, Year 7 will have round 2 of their immunisations. Year 11 & 12 immunisations will also be conducted on this day, not June 5th, which had been previously indicated. The Year 11 & 12 students who require this booster dose have been advised. All other students did not require this immunisation.

V. Nichols (HT Welfare)

Another Win for Grafton High
Grafton High School placed another brilliant entry in the Schools' Display Competition in the Agriculture Pavilion at the recent Grafton Show. The display consisted of numerous student works from our school’s varied context areas. The display was judged against the other entries from the Clarence valley and was awarded first place. Mr Kelemec was happy to receive the trophy on behalf of Grafton High.

HSIE Learning Highlights
Year 11 Legal Studies class went to the local courthouse as a part of investigating how Australia’s court systems work.

Cade Boorman demonstrates for Year 10, how waves are formed and how they affect the coast, using a wave tank as a part of Coastal Management in Geography.

GHS Library: Book of the Week
Review: Set in a country town where football has its own place and culture, two boys chase their dream of being drafted to the big league. Ben plays in a team where racism and
sledging are accepted, and when they come up against Noah's team which includes a number of Indigenous Australians (including Noah), tensions flare.

Will Ben take a stand and potentially alienate himself and his Dad from the club that is steeped with his family's history?

This is a really good read with themes of reconciliation, sport, and above all friendship. It contains lots of footy, with just a touch of romance, and makes ideal reading for boys up to Year 9.

PBL Update

The PBL team have been busy at work behind the scenes at school this term. They are busy with the process of completing the new look for SHARE, including new look SHARE tokens. They have also been busy getting organised with the digital aspects in our school, including our school's behaviours matrix on the website for parents to access.

As usual, our SHARE draw has been successful this term. Liam Gordon from Year 8 is our latest prizewinner. He won a $20 voucher to spend at City Beach. Congratulations to Liam and all our other students for exemplifying Grafton High School's Positive Behaviour standards.

A big thank you to Grafton Shoppingworld. They are our major sponsor for the SHARE/PBL program at Grafton High School. We appreciate their continued support of our school.

Scott Townley,
Teacher Music,
PBL Coordinator.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Term 2**

- **Week 5**
  - 18-22/05 Year 7-10 Mid-Course Exams
  - 19/05 ICAS Digital Technology
  - 21/05 Year 7 Geography Excursion to Washpool.
  - **Week 6**
    - 28/05 Police Talks Year 8
  - 28/05 P&C Meeting

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

- **Week 8**
  - 8/06 Queen's Birthday Holiday
  - 11/06 Police Talks Year 8

- **Week 9**
  - 11/06 Slam Pottery Years 9-11
  - 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
  - 22/06 Gold Class Close YR 7 2016
  - 24/06 Dirty Dancing Excursion
  - 26/06 NAIDOC Touch Football & BBQ
  - 26/06 Last Day Term 2

**TERM 3**

- **Week 2**
  - 13/07 Staff Development Day
  - 14/07 School resumes all students
  - **Week 3**
    - 22/07 Opportunity Class Placement Test
    - 23/07 Police Talks Year 9
    - 23/07 STELLAR Recipe for Success
  - **Week 4**
    - 28/07 ICAS English Assessment
    - 30/07 Australian Maths Competition
  - **Week 5**
    - 3-14/08 HSC Trials
    - 4-8/08 Ski Trip – Years 10 and 11
      - Departs Tuesday 4pm
      - Returns Saturday 6am
    - 6/08 Police Talks Year 9
  - **Week 6**
    - 11/08 ICAS Mathematics
    - 13/08 Bangarra Dance Excursion Brisbane
  - **Week 7**
    - 18/08 Police Talks Year 10
  - **Week 8**
    - 27/08 Musical Performance School Day
    - 28-29/08 Musical Evening Performance 6pm
    - 3-5/09 Musical Performance Evening 6pm

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NCMC Beef Industry Day

How to get more $$$ for your Cattle

9am, 2nd June, St Mary’s Earth Centre, Casino.

NCMC in conjunction with Casino Beef Week invite you to a FREE information day on options to get increased returns for your cattle, from them at St Mary’s Earth Centre, Bessemer Rd, Casino.

- Ben Thomas — MLA — Cattle market outlook, consumer trends, QA programs, PCAS EU market opportunities.
- Jared Lees — MLA — How to be register & grade MLA.
- Robert Page — PCAS — A producers perspective.
- Nathan Jenning — LLB — Buying Better Bulls - reading EDYs.
- Phil Kempsey — LLB — Animal Welfare. Fit to load etc.
- Casino Beef Week — Carcase Competition results

RSVP Phone: 0437 182 960 or Email: tana.bosili@casino.nsw.gov.au

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‘Stellar’ Parent and Student Information Evening

Are you a parent of a prospective university student?

- Want to know how to afford it?
- What scholarships are available?
- Where uni students can live and what are the costs?
- How to support your son or daughter through the HSC and while at uni?

Come along and find out the answers to all of these questions and many more!

Light supper provided, RSVP numbers to: stellar@une.edu.au

Where: Sir Earle Page Library
126-144 Pound Street
Grafton

When: Tuesday 9 June 2015
Time: 6.30pm