Principal's Report

Over the long weekend the P&C held its annual “Go Art” (Grafton Open Art Exhibition). This is now the third year that we have held Go Art and we still have a strong participation from local adult and student artists, with in excess of 330 entries this year. From my perspective as an educator, Go Art is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the work of our up-and-coming student artists, alongside the outstanding work of adult artists. The work exhibited was just a sample of some of the talent coming through our schools. Creativity and self-expression are aspects related to a great deal of school curriculum. The student work on show in the exhibition showcases the development of these skills and, in particular, bears testament to the dedication of our creative and performing arts staff, many of whom have been directly involved in key aspects of the exhibition.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who have helped in the organisation and running of this event. In particular, I would like to thank Richard and Astrid Green, who have been the driving force behind this event for the last three years. Richard has a passion for art and this exhibition is a result of that passion. I also need to thank all of the parent and other volunteers who have made tonight possible. This includes Adrienne Want, Martina Landenburger and David Williams, who have been involved in the organisation of this exhibition, and the many other members of our P&C and parents who assisted over the course of the weekend. I also need to particularly thank all those parents and students who assisted with the receipt and hanging of artworks. Finally, as Principal of Grafton High School, I particularly wanted to thank those Grafton High School teachers who have put in a significant amount of extra work to help make this weekend possible. Our hospitality teachers, kitchen assistant and students worked to create the food for the exhibition opening. We even had students, namely the singing duo “Tilly-Mash”, involved in the entertainment for the evening. But in particular, I want to thank Cassie Palmer. Cassie is currently a temporary teacher in our Creative and Performing Arts faculty. Cassie is the person behind the Go Art Facebook page, she has been heavily involved in the organising committee and also in the organisation and hanging of the exhibition. Cassie has encouraged a great number of her students to enter their work into this exhibition and her pride in her students and passion for art demonstrates why she is such an outstanding teacher. Thank you Cassie!

There was an extremely high quality of work this year and our judges: Harold Le Jeune and Louis Covre, had a hard time picking the winners in each category. I would like to again thank them for their effort and contribution to this event. The winner of the Lewis Ellem “Most Outstanding Art Award” was Ashkon Delnawaz, with his portrait entitled “Hanneke”.

Ashkon Delnawaz with “Hanneke”.

The “Most Outstanding Student Art Work” was awarded to Cindy Counsell for her mixed media work entitled “Butterfly Magic”
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Cindy receives her award from P&C President Richard Green.
I look forward to next years exhibition!
Peter South - Principal

PBL Update
Our PBL focus for this fortnight is Tell the Truth. This falls under our core school value of Honesty. There will be a lesson on telling the truth during OnTrac this week to help students understand what it means to tell the truth. We encourage parents/caregivers to start a conversation with their children about honesty and what telling the truth means to them.
The latest winner of our SHARE draw was Lily Allen of Year 7. She took home the $20 voucher for City Beach. This prize was donated by our major sponsor Grafton Shopping World.
Mr Townley

Lily Allen of Year 7

GHS Library: Book of the Week
Review: This is a wonderful first installment in a series that will get you thinking. Is time travel really possible?
Coutlyn (Scout) is an unchipped illegal, and in 2084 this is extremely dangerous. All citizens are chipped and everything in their life, including food and water rations, is controlled by it.

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CAPA Update
The CAPA department has been hard at work on the Combined Schools Musical. This year’s musical will be ‘Popstars’. A pop battle royale set to some of the biggest hits of the ’90s! It is coming along nicely with students and staff working smoothly to ensure another hit production. There are a number of students involved both on and off stage. We have students participating in the band and also lending a hand with the backstage side of the production. The musical will be held a little later this year in Term 3. Dates and ticket details will be released soon. Be sure to grab yours to enjoy a show you won’t forget.

Mr Patterson directing the leads
Mrs Patterson directing the leads
The show band hard at work

Fourteen year-old Scout, and her Mum, have lived like this all her life with Scout being ‘off the grid’; making do on her Mum’s rations and telling lies and stories to cover up the truth of her existence. All this changes when Scout comes across the strange, dying woman in the cave. Could this possibly be her chance to get a chip? She can’t believe what she has just seen or what she then does. This decision will change her life.
However, it is her meeting up with Mason and Boc, and their fascination and obsession with their new found ability to ‘skip’ that will be the ultimate risk. What have they really got themselves into and how will they get out of it?
Set in a futuristic Melbourne, girls, particularly those in Years 7-10 interested in the possibility of time travel, will thoroughly enjoy this and be looking forward to the next installment.
**Upcoming Events:**

**Term 2**

Week 8
- Queen's Birthday Holiday
- 8/10/12 Parent-Teacher evening
- 10 into 11 Subject Selection Evening
- Police Talks Year 8
- Slam Poetry Years 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
- 22/06 Gold Class Close YR7 2016
- 23/06 7/9/11 Parent-Teacher Evening
- 24/06 Dirty Dancing Excursion
- 26/06 NAIDOC Touch Football & BBQ
- 26/06 Last Day Term 2

**Term 3**

Week 2
- Staff Development Day
- School resumes all students

Week 3
- Opportunity Class Placement Test
- Police Talks Year 9
- STELLAR Recipe for Success

Week 4
- ICAS English Assessment
- Australian Maths Competition

Week 5
- HSC Trials
- Ski Trip – Years 10 and 11
  - Departs Tuesday 4pm
  - Returns Saturday 6am
- Police Talks Year 9

Week 6
- ICAS Mathematics
- Bangarra Dance Excursion Brisbane

Week 7
- Police Talks Year 10

Week 8
- Musical Performance School Day
- Musical Evening Performance 6pm

Week 9
- Musical Performance Evening 6pm

Week 10
- More Go Art Pictures

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