Principal’s Report

Congratulations to all our students who received awards at our Merit Assemblies on Monday. A huge 980 award certificates were presented, with the following students receiving 5 or more awards:

- Mackenzie Bagnall
- Natasha Clausen
- Willow-Lehani Diskon
- Emma Druce
- Zoe Druce
- Gabby Marshall
- Khoi Nguyen
- Krystal Sciberras
- Kashaan Winters
- Rianna Blake
- Sophie Bowling
- Kayne Endean
- Rachael Gerritsen
- Jessica Grebert
- Suwedaa Kumaradasaan
- Tiarne Paul
- Chloe Rankin
- Luci Youman
- Cameron Dehnert
- Kate McGuire
- Claire Smidt-Thompson
- Ben McKenzie
- Natalie Waterhouse
- Nicholas Pate
- Lily Porra
- Jemma Clark

Parent-Teacher Evening Reminder

A further reminder that the school will be holding a parent-teacher evening for Years 7, 9 and 11 this coming Tuesday 23rd June from 3:30 – 6:00 pm in the school MPC.

Reports for students will be handed out on the night at the door. No appointments are necessary and parents and teachers are asked to limit interviews to approximately 5 minutes per student, to allow time for all parents to speak with their child’s teacher. All parents and carers are encouraged to attend.

NAIDOC Week

Next week, Grafton public schools will participate in a variety of activities to celebrate NAIDOC week. Grafton HS students will participate in a special ceremony to launch the week on the Monday, a traditional sports day for year 5 students on Tuesday, a public speaking competition on Wednesday and a student-organised touch football competition on Friday. Much of the organisation for the week involves students and we are fortunate to have some outstanding young Indigenous student leaders in our school, who step up to organise and participate in these celebrations and events.

NAPLAN Trial Testing

Grafton High School has been selected to participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) trial tests. These tests are important for the development of the final NAPLAN test items and are an integral part of the NAPLAN testing program.

The NAPLAN tests are administered by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). ACARA has commissioned the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) to conduct this year’s test trial.

Trial tests will take place between Monday 27 July and Friday 7 August 2015.

ACER will select which classes will sit the tests in our school and, where possible, a whole class will be selected. Each participating class will complete two writing tests.

All tests must be administered on the same morning as separate test sessions. Where possible, a minimum of 25 students from each of the selected classes is expected to complete the assigned tests. If students in any of the selected classes are absent on the assessment day, it is requested that students from other classes at the same year level sit the tests to achieve the sample size.

Year 7 Digital learning

Friday, 19 June 2015

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As the photo above demonstrates, our students are still making good use of their Chromebook computers in their learning. This photo was taken today as students worked on creating digital cartoons related to a topic they are studying in Geography.

At the parent teacher evening this coming Tuesday, Year 7 parents will receive a sheet with login details for the Hapara Parent Portal. This will allow parents to log on remotely and view their child’s digital work portfolio. This is a great way of actually seeing what your child is up to at school when the only response you get to the question “What did you do at school today?” is a shrug of the shoulders and “I don’t know… nothing” (having experienced this with my own son).

Our two technical support officers have been working through a range of issues with JB HiFi and suppliers around the supply of devices and warranty issues. Whilst this is all beyond our direct control please rest assured that we do try our best to pursue issues on behalf of students and parents. As a result, I can offer the following solutions to parents to assist in any issues with devices they have purchased through JB HiFi:

- There has been an issue with some of the Toshiba devices not having screws correctly installed at the factory. This has resulted in some screws working loose. Toshiba has sent the school a supply of screws and we are allowed to re-install these into student devices without voiding warranty. Students can see our technical support officers – Nik and Brodie – for assistance.
- There have been some orders which have been slow to fill at the manufacturer level. I believe that these are now either delivered or on their way.
- If parents have any warranty issues for non-Lenovo devices then they should contact Erin at JB HiFi on 1300 730 548 or through education@jbhi-fi.com.au
- For Lenovo warranty issues, the portal is: http://portal.nn.net.au/warranty/

Overall, considering the large number of devices ordered across the school and by parents, there have been few issues, but I do appreciate that it can be frustrating when they do occur. Please keep in mind that we are very much at the cutting edge of things, as far as such a large-scale take up of digital learning goes. I am confident things will improve as we go along. The photo at the start of this article, which shows happy students engaged with their learning and developing skills that will equip them for the future, is the reason we remain committed to this program.

Peter South - Principal

Go Art Winners

Some of the Grafton High School student winners from the P&C Go Art exhibition. A full list of junior and open winners is included at the end of this newsletter.

PBL Update

Peer Tutor Training

Thirteen very enthusiastic Year 10 students recently attended Grafton’s TAFE campus for further training in literacy tutoring. The initial training took place in first term and these students have been doing a wonderful job employing strategies they have learned to support Year 7 students in reading. Both Year 7 and Year 10 students are enjoying having a buddy in OnTrac and some great friendships have evolved. It is great to see the increased confidence and improved reading skills of the Year 9 students as a result of the guidance and dedication of their peer tutors.

Pictured are some of the Year 10 tutors:

Emma Casserly and Laine Muller

Josh Crispin and Wil Youman

Hayley Hannah, Daniel Law and Caleisse Dunston

Art/LOTE Brisbane Excursion

In week 4, 54 Year 8, 10, 11 and 12 students travelled to Brisbane for the day. Firstly, we went to GOMA (Gallery of Modern Art) to see the Japanese exhibition ‘We can make another future: Japanese art after 1989’.

The Infinity Room at GOMA

A Japanese bento lunch followed. There was a choice of deep fried chicken, pork or vegetarian. The students found it interesting eating with chopsticks. This was lovely on the grounds of GOMA overlooking the river.

A sample of the artwork on display
We then walked to Queen St Mall and went to Daiso, a Japanese shop. Daiso sells everything from lollies and drinks to crockery and toys, stationery and household goods. The experiences gained from the day were fantastic.

**Mock Trial**

Our Year 11 mock trial team went to Glen Innes to verse Armidale High School

Photo 1: Tyarn Harris giving the opening address to sum up our case to the judge

Photo 2: Team photo Leah Kilner, Josh Cleaver, Damien Blake, Tyarn Harris, Kailyn Marsh, Jimm Woodley

**Past Student Achievement**

ON GUARD: Acting Sub-Lieutenant Danielle Cole onboard HMAS Anzac when she was about to sail to Gallipoli for the Anzac centenary this year.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Term 2**

**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, P&C Meeting
- 26/06 NAIDOC Touch Football & BBQ
- 26/06 Last Day Term 2

**TERM 3**

**Week 13/7** Staff Development Day
- 14/7 School resumes all students
  
**Week 2**
- 22/07 Opportunity Class Placement Test
- 23/07 Police Talks Year 9
- 23/07 STELLAR Recipe for Success
  
**Week 3**
- 29/07 ICAS English Assessment
- 30/07 Australian Maths Competition
  
**Week 4**
- 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 5**
- 11/08 ICAS Mathematics
- 13/08 Bangarra Dance Excursion Brisbane
  
**Week 6**
- 18/08 Police Talks Year 10
  
**Week 7**
- 27/08 Musical Performance School Day
- 26-29/08 Musical Evening Performance 6pm
  
**Week 8**
- 3-5/09 Musical Performance Evening 6pm
  
**Week 9**
- Week 10
- Week 11

**GHS Library**

**Book of the Week**

![Daisy Malone and the Blue Glowing Stone](image)

Review: Daisy is a very curious girl. She also has a curious dog - who can talk.

Together they must solve the mystery of her mother’s disappearance, why there are two strange men who are terrorising her neighbour, and why does everyone want the blue glowing stone? Not to mention it’s also her birthday!

This is a fast paced mystery that is also hilarious and will have you laughing out loud.

Perfect for your Year 7 and 8 girls who enjoy humour and mystery in their books.
## 2015 Go Art Winners

### Section YJ1 (Primary): Drawing
- **1st Place**: Kira Lee Gray
- **2nd Place**: Liam Gorham
- **Highly Commended**: Liam Williamson

### Section YJ2 (Primary): Painting
- **1st Place**: Tori Mc Cosker
- **2nd Place**: Cindy Counsell
- **Highly Commended**: Melinda Mifsud

### Section YJ3 (Primary): Art other than Painting
- **1st Place**: Brigette Jamieson
- **2nd Place**: Lawrence Primary
- **Highly Commended**: Gabby Solway

### Section YJ1 (Secondary): Acrylic/Oil
- **1st Place**: Shannan Daniels
- **2nd Place**: Jensen Li
- **Highly Commended**: Bradyen Jamieson

### Section YJ2 (Secondary): Sculpture/Ceramics/3D
- **1st Place**: Chloe Rankin
- **2nd Place**: Felicity Hart
- **Highly Commended**: Lucas Cauaro-Weeks

### Section YJ3 (Secondary): Watercolour
- **1st Place**: Farron Want
- **2nd Place**: Nikki Lee Plunkett
- **Highly Commended**: Annabel Green

### Section YJ4 (Secondary): Mixed Media
- **1st Place**: Abbey Counsell
- **2nd Place**: Hayleigh Knox
- **Highly Commended**: Madeleine Vidler
- **Student People’s Choice**: Annabel Green

### Section YJ5 (Secondary): Abstract
- **1st Place**: Hayleigh Knox
- **2nd Place**: Kate Smith
- **Highly Commended**: Hayleigh Knox

### Section YJ6 (Secondary): Pastel
- **1st Place**: Annabel Green
- **2nd Place**: Annabel Green
- **Highly Commended**: Bethany Von Nida

### Section YJ7 (Secondary): Drawing
- **1st Place**: Annabel Green
- **2nd Place**: Kate Hassan
- **Highly Commended**: Bethany Van Haren

### Section YJ8 (Secondary): Textile/Wearable Art
- **1st Place**: Grace Moar
- **2nd Place**: Hayley Hannah

### Section YJ9 (Secondary): Photography/Digital Media
- **1st Place**: Kate Smith
- **2nd Place**: Annabel Green
- **Highly Commended**: Libby Rose
- **Highly Commended**: Kate Smith
- **Highly Commended**: Louisa Rose

### Section YJ10 (Secondary Senior): Acrylic/oil
- **1st Place**: Ryan Eggins

### Section YJ11 (Secondary Senior): Sculpture/Ceramics/3D
- **1st Place**: Ellie Blake

### Section YJ12 (Secondary Senior): Watercolour
- **1st Place**: Ryan Eggins

### Section YJ13 (Secondary Senior): Mixed Media
- **1st Place**: Ryan Eggins
- **Highly Commended**: Jasmine Parmenter
- **Highly Commended**: Matisse King

### Section YJ14 (Secondary Senior): Abstract
- **1st Place**: Sophia Franks
- **2nd Place**: Sophia Franks

### Section YJ15 (Secondary Senior): Pastel
- **1st Place**: Nathan Robinson
- **2nd Place**: Ryan Eggins

### Section YJ16 (Secondary Senior): Drawing
- **1st Place**: Ryan Eggins
- **2nd Place**: Ellie Blake
- **Highly Commended**: Matisse King

### Section YJ17 (Secondary Senior): Textile/Wearable Art
- **1st Place**: Tyarn Harris
- **2nd Place**: Alicia Cumberland

### Section YJ18 (Secondary Senior): Photography/Digital Media
- **1st Place**: Shannon McFarlane
- **2nd Place**: Ryan Eggins

### Section 1 (open): Acrylic
- **1st Place**: Elizabeth Slater
- **2nd Place**: Julianne Gosper

### Section 2 (Open): Oil
- **1st Place**: Curt Edwards
- **2nd Place**: Liubov Sleaford
- **Lewis Ellem "Most Outstanding Art Award"**: Ashkon Delnawaz

### Section 3 (Open): Watercolour/Pen & Wash
- **1st Place**: Richard Green
- **2nd Place**: Julianne Gosper

### Section 4 (Open): Mixed Media
- **1st Place**: Rhondella Hyde
- **2nd Place**: Carmel Debreuil

### Section 5 (Open): Abstract
- **1st Place**: Rhondella Hyde
- **2nd Place**: Maggie Putland

### Section 6 (Open): Pastel
- **1st Place**: Julianne Gosper
- **2nd Place**: Richard Green

### Section 7 (Open): Drawing
- **1st Place**: Col South
- **2nd Place**: Julia Green

### Section 8 (Open): Printmaking
- **1st Place**: Malcolm King
- **2nd Place**: Julianne Gosper

### Section 9 (Open): Sculpture/Ceramics/3D
- **1st Place**: Charmaine Hall
- **2nd Place**: Ron Snythe

### Section 10 (Open): Photography/Digital Media
- **1st Place**: Niki Edwards
- **2nd Place**: Karl Duck
- **Highly Commended**: Barry O'Connor

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*Packers Prize According to Curt Edwards*