Principal’s Report

Congratulations to Sarah Donnolley, who recently competed as part of the NSW All-Schools U16 Girls Hockey Team. On Saturday the 1st August Sarah travelled to Perth, Western Australia, as part of the NSW U16 Girls All-Schools Hockey Team, to participate at the 2015 school sport Australia 16 years and under Hockey Championships. The championships ran from the 1st to the 8th of August. The NSW girls played good quality hockey throughout the tournament and were rewarded with 3rd place and the Bronze medal for their efforts.

Pictured below: Sarah at Curtin University and on the field representing NSW.

P&C Report

The GHS P&C has been busy again this year having held our 3rd successful Go Art Exhibition, the Debutant Ball, a BBQ fundraiser at MPC. Canteen staff and volunteers have also been working hard selling a great range of food. One of the main aims this year was to put funds towards air-conditioning of the MPC building. I would like to announce that the P&C has agreed to fund the school for the installation and purchase of the units. The school is organizing the contractor and we hope to have this completed later in the year for summer. In addition to this we have supported the Students with Lockers for year 11-12 and have recently purchased a new BBQ.

At this point I would like to thank all the parents and volunteers who have supported us and continue to support us this year. If you would like to support the P&C we are looking for volunteers at the Canteen, so just call in and talk to Jenny and Noelene and place your name on the roster.

Also, if you have a business and are interested in being a Sponsor at our next year’s Go Art event to be held on the June long weekend 11-13 June 2016 please contact Richard at P&C on 0408 418 486 or email GoArt.ghs@gmail.com

For Parents interested in the P&C meetings there is one at 7pm on the 4th Thursday of each month in the High School Staff Common Room “We would like to see you there”.

Richard Green - P&C President

Pictured below: Cindy Counsell receiving the “Most Outstanding Student Art Work” Award at Go Art this year from Grafton High’s P&C President Richard Green.
Ella Backstreet (Lauren Pryor) and Mark (Connor Mitchell) rehearsing a scene from the musical, Popstars.

Before 'The Voice', 'Idol' and 'X-Factor', girl bands and boy bands were all the rage. In this year's GHS and SGHS school production, the competition is alive! 'Popstars' is a 90's themed musical, put on by Grafton High School and South Grafton High School students. The show is packed with pop smash hits from the hyper-coloured 1990's by artists such as The Spice Girls, Backstreet Boys, N'Sync, Britney Spears, Mariah Carey, MC Hammer and many more.

The Grafton High School MPC has been transformed back to the 1990's, where nice guy Mark (Connor Mitchell), is head over heels in love with his girlfriend, Queen Bee, Shannon Van de Witt (Sequoia Ellis) – that is until she dumps him in front of the whole school! Shannon does not have time for boys now that she and her friends have formed a girl-band, and are out to win the Next Gen Talent Show. Too bad they cannot sing, but enter shy geek Charlie (Angela Bolger), and she's just what the girl's need. When Shannon’s twin brother, Patrick (Tobias Trstenjak) and his gang, Vinnie (Connor McGuire), Shane (Brayden Keating), Geoff (Sam Craik) and Mark learn of Shannon's one shot at stardom, Mark convinces them it’s time for revenge. His garage band buddies rally around him and soon a plan for revenge is hatched to change their grunge band to a boy-band and snatch the Talent Show title from Shannon’s Candy Girls; Tina (Kailyn Marsh), Steffi (Jessica Smidt) and Britnee (Kiara Hankinson).

There’s just one small problem... the boys can’t dance. Mark enlists the help of the ultra-talented, new girl, Ella (Lauren Pryor) to help with their boy-band makeover. Can Mark win the girl, take out the Grand Prize and exact revenge on Shannon or will Shannon once again get her own way?

It’s anyone’s guess as the countdown to the Grand Finale begins. DJ Prince (Jordan Smith) takes the audience on a journey they won’t forget. It’s family versus friends in this 90's jukebox musical spectacular.

Don’t miss out on the chance to relive the 90’s! Performances are Friday 28th August at 7pm, Saturday 29th August at 2pm and 7pm, Friday 4th August at 7pm and Saturday 5th August at 7pm. Tickets available at the Grafton High School office and at the door. Ticket prices are Adults $15, Concession $10, Students $5, Family (2A2C) $30.

GHS CAFÉ

Vietnam Excursion – The city of Hue

by Dayanara McPherson and Christina Mills

From Saigon we took a short flight to the city Hue, the once capital city of Vietnam, with a population size of 340,000. The second we set foot outside the airport we encountered a stifling, sticky heat that clung to our clothes, dampening them and leaving us feeling as though we were breathing in honey. The temperature the day before had reached 46 degrees so today's 43 degrees was relatively cool, according to our tour guide, Mr Tue.

At first there was fear that this heat would dampen our excursion through the pretty city; however, we shouldn't have feared. Whatever discomfort we felt from the heat was replaced by excitement as we journeyed through Hue and encountered many new wonders. Thanks to our tour guide Mr Tue, we learned about the history of the quiet, once imperial city and visited many historical buildings and temples. We learned about myths that surrounded the city and stories that have passed down generations. It was in this city that we collected our conical hats and took a tour along the Perfume River via dragon boat, bartered in markets, witnessed the daily routines of Buddhist monks, ate so much at our Royal Dinner that we almost had to be rolled to the bus. At the end of each day the hotels’ pool provided welcome relief from the heat and exhaustion of the day. It was here we relaxed, talked about the day’s experiences and planned coming events.
Group with their new Vietnamese cone hats at the Thien Mu Pagoda, Hue.

Royal Dinner at Hue

GHS Library Book of the Week

Review: At the start of World War II, ten-year-old Franziska Mangold is torn from her family when her mother puts her in a kindertransport in Berlin, the train that secretly took nearly 10,000 children out of Nazi territory to safety in England. Taken in by strangers who soon become more like family than her real parents, Frances (as she is now known) courageously pieces together a new life for herself because she doesn't know when or if she'll see her true family again.

Upcoming Events:

TERM 3
Week 7
28/08 Musical Performance 7pm
29/08 Musical Performance 2pm
29/08 Musical Performance 7pm
Week 8
31/08 Year 12 Excursion to Hamlet - Lismore
3/09 Musical Performance Friends and Folk 10am
4/09 Musical Performance 7pm
4/09 Bridges to University – Mr Barnier
5/09 Musical Performance 7pm
5/09 HSC Speaking Exam – French Beginners at Coffs Harbour
Week 9
7-18/09 HSC Preliminary Exams
Week 10
18/09 Year 12 Formal Assembly
18/09 Last Day Term 3
TERM 4
Week 1
5/10 Labour Day Public Holiday
6/10 School resumes for all staff and students
6-9/10
12/10 to 6/11 HSC Exams
7/10 Stellar – Year 9
Week 2
15/10 Year 7 Immunisations
Week 3
20/10 Parent Chromebook Info for Year 7 2016
21/10 Year 7 2016 Taster day – Copmanhurst, Lawrence, Baryulgil & non-local PS
22/10 Year 7 2016 Taster day – GPS
22/10 Year 10 - Yearly Exams
23/10 Year 7 2016 Taster day – Westlawn PS
Week 4
26/10 Year 10 Police Talks
29-30/10 Agricultural Excursion
Week 5
3/11 Year 7 2016 Parent Info Evening
6pm
4/11 Year 7 Police Talks

5/11 Jacaranda Thursday
Week 6
9-13/11 Year 7-9 Yearly Exams
9-13/11 Year 8 ESSA Testing
10/11 Year 9 Stellar Excursion Armidale
12/11 Year 12 Formal SGDSC 5.50pm students, doors open at 6.30pm guests & 7pm start
Week 7
17/11 2016 Year 7 Orientation Day
21-28/11 Herron Island Excursion
Week 8
Week 9
Week 10
Week 11
14-16/12 Activities Week
16/12 Last day of 2015 for Students
17-18/12 Staff Development Day

Community Notices

Bridges to Higher Education

Do you or your child want to know more about university options and pathways?

Parent and Community Information Evening
This event will cover a range of aspects about higher education including:

- Scholarships and financial support
- On campus support services
- Methods of study to suit different needs
- Transition options and alternative pathways
- Accommodation information
- Where to find further information
- Tips for studying without stress

DATE: Wednesday 2nd September 2015
TIME: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
VENUE: PCYC Main Hall, Cnr Orion & Dawson Streets Lismore

All welcome, no RSVP required
Light Refreshments will be served
POPSTARS
THE 90’s MUSICAL

A Combined Grafton High School and South Grafton High School Production
Grafton High School Multi Purpose Centre

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5th September - 7pm

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