

Grafton High School

Achieving Excellence

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Generous Spirit Shines Brightly at GHS

Grafton High School staff and students showed an exceptional generosity in raising \$3500 to assist victims of the terrifying Victorian bushfires.

The SRC unanimously decided to donate all proceeds from last weeks disco. Our student leaders also organised a “black Friday” where students made a donation for the privilege of being out of uniform—wearing something black. Staff also pitched in generously at a special morning tea.

As well as the financial donations many people contributed to fill two very large boxes with goods that will be used by the Variety club to help fill the gap in the lives of people who have lost everything.

Congratulations to everyone who contributed so magnificently!



Student Diaries Are Here!

All students were issued with the new 2009 GHS Homework Planners this week.

Every student is encouraged to use their diary as a help in organising and planning. Many key dates for Grafton High School students (and parents) are published in the diary to assist your planning. OnTRAC teachers will regularly monitor the use of student diaries.

P&C: You are invited!

The first P&C Meeting for 2009 will be held in the Common Room at 7.30pm next Thursday (26 February).

Parents will be taken on a walk through the school by Mr Lang and Mr Lasker. Come and see the many wonderful changes that are happening at Grafton High. We would especially like to meet parents of Year 7 students and others who are new to our school. Lucky door prizes, supper and good company—COME!



New Technology Across the School

During the coming week interactive white boards will be installed in 10 rooms throughout the school. Costing almost \$70 000, this project will allow for a variety of innovative approaches to support student learning.

As well as allowing teachers to digitally project prepared lesson material, this technology effectively turns the whiteboard into a large touch-sensitive screen. Over the coming weeks and months staff will develop new skills in making use of this technology to add another dimension to the very positive learning experience that has already been created for Grafton High School students.

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Grafton City Soccer Club

Registration Days
14th and 21st February 2009
Grafton Primary School between 11.00am and 1.00pm

Environment Tips

Turn the tap off when brushing your
teeth

Job Vacancies

McDonalds Grafton have job vacancies for
Year 8 to Year 12 students. To apply for
the vacancies go www.mcdonald.com.au
follow the link to careers.
Fill out the online application.
Applications close on the 28th February.

Maths Brain Teaser

This week's brain teaser is presented by Ashton
Blackadder.
Which weighs more? A pound of gold or a pound of
feathers?

Workshop on Nurturing Thriving with Teenagers

**Would you like to foster a closer
relationship with your teenager?
Would you like to develop a positive and
productive interaction with your
teenager when faced with difficult or
challenging situations?**

Grafton High is fortunate to have Mary
Cutts from Clarence Valley Community
Programs coming to the school to run
workshops.

The workshops will include strategies on
dealing with difficult situations, nurturing
a trusting and productive relationship with
your teenager and discussing some
strategies to handle conflict with your
teenager

The sessions will be held at Grafton High
School Library for the four Thursdays in
March (5th, 12th, 19th, 26th) from
10.00am to 12 noon. Mary and I would
love to see you there to share particular
issues that you may be experiencing with
your teenager and discuss strategies that
you might find useful.

Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be
available.

For more information please contact the
school to make an appointment.

Chrissy Lasker
School Counsellor

Immunisations

The North Coast Area Health Service will be again
conducting a vaccination program for schools. Year 7 are
offered;

1. Hepatitis B (2 doses) 26th February and 2nd
September 2009
2. Chicken Pox 1st May
3. Gardasil (girls only) Cervical Cancer (3 doses) 26th
February

1st May, 2nd September 2009 A(No longer available in GP
surgeries)

Year 10 students are offered Boostrix (diphtheria,
whooping cough and tetanus booster).

Parent information kits and consent forms have been sent
home with students.

Parents need to read and sign each separate
consent form and return to the school as soon as possible.

Year 7 Mr Lasker, Year 10 Mrs Trstenjak.

Parents with any questions or concerns can ring Bernadette
on 66207503 or Mrs Nichols at Grafton High
School.



Expressions of Interest for Relieving SASS Science Assistant

For further information contact Lyn McGrath or Paula
Wicks on 66423355

Photographing Students

Throughout the year students are photographed whilst involved in various activities or to celebrate
special achievements. These photos may be used in the weekly newsletter, newspaper and in the
Graftonian (our year book). If you DO NOT consent to your child's photo being used in this way then
please contact the Front Office—otherwise keep an eye out for your child in our weekly newsletter.

