

Grafton High School

Achieving Excellence

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Student Leaders Declare Their Commitment

Members of the Student Representative Council demonstrated their commitment to being strong leaders in the school by individually signing a pledge of commitment this week. As well as organising student activities and fundraising for worthy causes, the student leaders for 2009 are keen to make a positive impact on the life of Grafton High.



On Friday family and friends attended a special assembly where SRC members received their badges. Representatives from Year 7 will be elected once students have had time to get to know one another a little better. This ceremony is an opportunity for SRC leaders to publicly express their commitment to serve their school.

Under the excellent guidance of Mr Murgatroyd and Mrs McCallum the SRC meets on four days of each week to consider ways they can make a difference. One of their first projects will be to enhance the appearance of the school with extra plants. The SRC is also keen to add to the playground seating provided by the P&C over the past few years.



Gold Standard Across the School

It has been impressive to visit classes across the school and see the level of commitment to learning in all years. Students in Gold classes have pledged to make the extra effort but it is pleasing to see a similar commitment in most other classes. The first review of student commitment from students in Gold classes will occur at the end of this term. Students who have not honoured their commitment will have to make way for students who were placed on a waiting list at the end of last year.



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On Friday the 13th Grafton High School students and staff wore black items of clothing to raise funds for the Victorian bush fire appeal.

Written by Kellie- Anne Goodwin, Nathan Tweedie and Mitchell Cotterill SP2

GHS Saturday Netball

Registration dates are Saturday 7th and 8th March between 12 noon and 2pm at the courts. All players must register on those days. Information sheet available in the Roll Room.

Mrs Green

Convention at Grafton High

The Australian Instrumental Convention will be hosted at Grafton High School over the Easter weekend. This will be a great opportunity for Grafton High students along with young people from all over NSW, to access world class tuition. Some scholarships will be available. See details at right.

Maths Gold Brain Teaser

This week's brain teaser is presented by Ashton Blackadder.

Where can you buy a ruler that is 3 feet long?



working in class

THE AUSTRALIAN INSTRUMENTAL CONVENTION
The Greatest Musical Event of 2009
 Featuring sessions for students, teachers and professional musicians.
Easter 2009
April 10-13
GRAFTON N.S.W.

Proudly hosted by the North Coast Flute Society and Melissa Philp.
 Major sponsors include Trinity Guildhall and Greyhound Australia.

George Torbay

Enter the Ensemble Competition

Presenters include ...
 Andy Firth, Janet Webb, Jocelyn Fazzino, Mark Eager (UK), Collusion, Brendan Joyce, Peter Hubbard, Bob Demkin, George Torbay, Binary Designs and more!!!

Contact Melissa Philp for further details on:
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Scholarships available

Mobile Phones

Remember, if your child has a special reason to require a mobile phone at school then you can ask for a pass to be issued. Students with a pass must not allow the phone to be a disruption. It will be on silent during the day (if it needs to be switched on at all).

Wanted: Exchange Students

Grafton Midday Rotary Club is keen to hear from students interested in the exciting opportunity of being an exchange student in 2010.

Ideally you will be in Year 10, 11 or 12 this year. Are you looking for the opportunity to experience life in a different culture—even learn a new language, depending where you go? Get an application form from the Front Office and apply by March 6.

We regularly host exchange students at Grafton High School. This is your chance to become the exchange student!

From the GHS Library

ONLINE - The State Library has developed a free online guide to assist HSC English teachers and students with their studies. *The HSC English Guide* connects NSW users to valuable reference books, articles, websites, online databases, and catalogues – sourced and verified by library experts. *The Guide* assists students to find information and articles on texts, and areas of study such as *Belonging*. There are also handy writing resources and tips on language and style. Find out more by viewing online *HSC English Guide* (listed under *Research Guides*) at the Library's website – www.sl.nsw.gov.au

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Why not check out what others have found to support *Belonging*?

Go to <http://delicious.com> and type in 'HSC Belonging'

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The challenge: to read 20 books between now and August 2009 (you can include books read during term 4 2008 also). At least 15 of the 20 titles must be chosen from the recommended PRC lists.

Who is eligible? Any student in Years 7, 8 and 9
Registration forms and lists of the recommended titles are available from the GHS Library or the PRC website <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Students can also fill out their reading log online. Use your DET username to log on.

Rugby Union

Play rugby with your mates. The game for all shapes and sizes. The Grafton Redmen want you!!

Again GJRU will be running the very successful TRY RUGBY program. This is designed for players for the ages of 7 years to 12 years. It will be held on a Friday afternoon for 5 consecutive Fridays commencing Friday 6 March 2009 and finishing Friday 3 April 2009 from 5.15pm.

The children will be run through training drills demonstrating all the skills and how to play safe rugby with no obligation on the children to continue in the sport. The cost for the 5 weeks of TRY Rugby will be a \$20.00 fee once the program has begun.

For players wishing to continue in Rugby an introduction competition of at least 7 players a side will be run during Term 2 on Friday nights at the Grafton Rugby Fields for the under 10 and under 12 age groups.

The focus of this program is to introduce children to the benefits of Rugby Union at minimal cost and disruption to families.

Sign on at Grafton Rugby Club Friday 27th February 2009 and Friday 6th March.

Contacts and registration for TRY RUGBY are:

Peter Tonkin 0423956550

Tony King 0427420214

Ruth Donoghue 66449526

Email registration to ruth.donoghue@rta.nsw.gov.au

Expressions of Interest for Relieving SASS Science Assistant

For further information contact Lyn
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Answer

A yard sale.

Coming Events

- ★ 12/13 Mar 2009 School Photos
- ★ 25 Mar NC Rugby League Trials
- ★ 26 Mar P & C Meeting
- ★ 30 Mar Year 12 Mid Course Exams

