

Grafton High School

Achieving Excellence

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School Photos

School photos are being taken on Thursday March 12th for the Support Unit, Year 7, Year 10 and Year 12.

On Friday 13th March we are photographing Year 8, Year 9 and Year 11. Family and friendship photos will be taken at lunchtimes, forms are available from the front office.

Please ensure your son/daughter is in the correct school uniform.

The photo order form will be collected when students are photographed, the correct money needs to be in the envelope.

Mr Rutledge



Questacon Smart Moves Free Visit

Questacon will be visiting the school on Monday 23rd March. They will be presenting four 1 hour shows in the MPC. The shows will be presented to Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 and Senior students who study Science.

Mr Rutledge



Achievement in the Pool

Tayla Chapman is the Age Champion at the Mid North Coast Swimming Carnival. Tayla, Brittany Huxley, Marty Donohue, 15 boys and 16 boys relay have made it through to the North Coast Swimming Carnival in Kempsey.

Congratulations, we wish them well at the next stage.

Student Diaries Are Here!

All students have been issued with the new 2009 GHS Homework Planner.

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. On-TRAC teachers will regularly monitor the use of student diaries. If you did not receive a student diary see your Year Adviser.

SRC Induction

Our SRC induction was held last Friday. Thank you to all parents who were able to attend and pin the SRC badge on their child as part of the ceremony.

Our student representative council is a very active body in the school lead by Ms McCallum and Mr Murgatroyd.

The SRC this week have started their beautification of the front of school gardens.

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State and Regional Music Camp

Students wanting to nominate for state or regional music camp can obtain applications from Mrs. Watson in the CAPA staffroom ASAP as applications close soon.

Combined Schools Bands

Any students playing a band instrument who want to participate in the combined schools band to celebrate 150 years of Local Government in Grafton should see Mrs Watson to get an application form. Applications close on Friday March 6th.

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

Chess

Students interested in playing chess meet each Wednesday in A5. At present we are having a round robin competition to choose the best four players to represent Grafton High in the interschool competition. New players welcome.

See Mrs Caley in the Science staff room.



Maths Gold Brain Teaser

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

If there were 9 cats on a bridge and one jumped over the edge, how many would be left?

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).



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Scholarships available



Participating in our Swimming Carnival

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



Senior Citizen Luncheon December 2008

Written By Toni Fox and Jessica Atkins.

Sp3 went to the Community Centre Duke Street Grafton on the 5th of December 2008, to serve a Christmas luncheon to the senior citizens. We served a three course baked lunch to about 100 senior citizen members.



Free BMX Trial Day

On Saturday 7th March at 11.00am to 1.00pm at the BMX track on the corner of Abbott and Vere Streets South Grafton the Clarence Valley BMX Club will be participating in the National FREE come and try day. This is open to any male or female age between 4 years and 50 years. Bring a bike, long sleeved shirt, long pants, covered in shoes and a full face helmet (don't worry if you don't have one, there will be some to borrow from the club.) There will be coaches, a FREE BBQ and a show bag to all participants.

For more info please contact Susan on 0422414198 or 66426318 or Michael on 0429702786 or 66433789



High School Hoops Basketball

Monday afternoons, sign on from 4.45pm. Games commence at 5.00pm.

Grafton Regional Sports and Entertainment Centre Powell Street , Grafton. Cost is \$65.00 Registration fee (valid for one year, include insurance). \$40.00 per school term.

Enquires phone 66414200. All new players welcome. Enter a team or come along as an individual and be placed in a team.



Answer

None, they're copycats.

Lions Youth of the Year Regional Final

Alice Lane of Year 12 represented Grafton High School at the Lion's Youth of the Year Regional Final held at Woolgoolga on Saturday February 28th.

Other contestants included students from Yamba, Maclean, Woolgoolga , Coffs Harbour, Toormina and Dorrigo. There were five judges and 90 people in the audience.

Alice was required to submit to an interview and give two impromptu speeches. She also spoke on "The Australian Spirit" and in all cases represented our school with great distinction.

The eventual winner was a school captain from Orara High School. Each candidate was presented a booklet containing the profiles of all the candidates. The Lions Club has been a generous support of public speaking in our school.

