

Grafton High School

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Building Projects Close to Completion!

Over \$1million has been spent in a major upgrade of facilities over the past three months. Boys and Girls toilets have been completely refitted and now provide separate facilities for senior boys and senior girls. The six new state-of-the-art laboratories in A block will be available for use from the beginning of Term 2. This is an exciting prospect for Science teachers and students alike.

In Term 2 the emphasis on building upgrade will shift to the old labs in D-block. By the end of next term we will have a brand new Textiles room, a brand new Computer Lab as well as a new classroom and seminar room.. "Peanut Alley" will be replaced by a wide walkway linking the quadrangle with the rest of the northern side of the school. Associated with this work will be major painting and maintenance throughout the school.

We are in the process of developing school facilities that equal the best anywhere. It is important that every student respects the facilities and grasps the learning opportunity that comes with having a great school.



Learning Makes GHS Better

Students in our senior construction classes make a valuable contribution to Grafton High by completing practical projects around the school at the same time as they develop important skills. Their most recent project is to rebuild gardens, seating and paving in the senior area next to the Technology rooms. Under the leadership of Mr Bell they do a great job!



Getting the Garden Started

Agriculture teacher, Mr Moore, has got the students from the Support Unit working on a new project. They have set up the gardens with soil generously donated by MI Organics and are planning to grow all sorts of things—flowers and vegies. This will be a great learning experience as well as productive fun. It is great to see the enthusiasm of everyone getting this project up and running.



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School Development Day Term 2

Just a reminder that Tuesday 28th April is school development day and students don't start till Wednesday 29th April.

BCU Banking Tips

Save some, spend some it doesn't matter how much, or how little pocket money you receive each week—it is always a great idea to put some away and not spend it all at once. Even if you only get \$1.00 ask for it as two 50 cents pieces so you can put half in a money box and enjoy the other half with a splurge at the canteen. You might even like to choose a goal like a book or game and start saving with that in mind—it may take a while, but you'll get there in the end!

Jean Genies

Help decorate the travelling pants, bring along your own jeans and get creative!
4.00pm to 5.00pm Monday to Friday
March 30th to April 5th
YouthWeek@GraftonLibrary



School Blackboards For Sale

Five blackboards all sizes \$20.00 each, If interested phone Shirley Kelly in the front office on 66243355.

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.

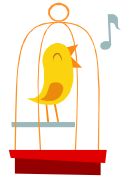


Students from Food Technology taking down notes.

Maths Gold Brain Teaser

This week's brain teaser is presented by
Kate Sneesby

I am the owner of a pet store.
If I put in one canary per cage, I have one bird too many. If I put in two canaries per cage, I have one cage too many. How many cages and canaries do I have?



Grafton High Student Lured to Questacon Smart Moves Invention Convention

Samuel Barnier a Year 8 Science student at Grafton High School is one of only of twenty students nationwide who has been especially selected to attend the 2009 Questacon Smart Moves Invention at Canberra in April.

Sam, along with a friend Riley Want, invented a new type of fish lure, the Spin diver, as part of their Science project in class last year. They followed the scientific method to trial, test and refine their design and produced a lure that they found was better at catching that elusive fish than a standard lure.

Sam's final report earned him a CSIRO BRONZE CREST AWARD. He was invited by the CSIRO to apply to attend the 2009 Questacon Smart Moves Invention Convention.

Sam was one of the successful students who will now be flying to Canberra for the five day conference in April.

"I never expected this. I'm a bit nervous but am very excited about the chance to go to Canberra, meet other students and learn from the experts" Sam said.

The conference brings together innovative secondary students from all around Australia, giving them the chance to turn their ideas into reality with an all expenses paid trip to Canberra. The students form networks with other inventive students and learn from established Australian entrepreneurs about business skills they will need to further their ideas. Guest speakers from the business and Science world will be present.

Students need to see Mr Brown or their Science teacher if they are interested in doing the BRONZE CREST AWARD

Canteen News

New lines at the canteen
Tasty Tuesday Temptations

Chicken Burgers

&

Hamburgers

\$3.00

Wakky Wednesday

Hot Cheesy Dogs

&

Toasted Turkish Bread

Variety of Flavours

\$2.00

Freaky Friday

Fried Rice

\$2.50

Uniform Sales

The canteen will have a uniform sale from 1st April to 10th April

Limited Sizes Available

All uniforms \$4.00 off As there is to be a large price rise with the next uniform order this is a good opportunity to grab a bargain.



Year 12 Ancient History students learning about the buried city of Pompeii.
(Yes, those letters are made from decorated biscuits)

2012 GHS Reunion

On the 30th March at 6.00pm in the staff common room of Grafton High School we are having a meeting for any one interested in being on the committee for 2012 Grafton High School 100 years celebration. If you would like to have some input in the 2012 100 year school reunion, come along and join our committee.

Strengthening the Link Between Home & School

On Tuesday afternoon parents are urged to come and discuss their child's progress with teachers. Come and chat, enjoy a sausage sizzle and meet the teachers who seek to inspire your children. Interim reports have been issued today and provide an excellent guide as to how each student has settled into school for 2009.

If you are unable to come next Tuesday you are encouraged to contact the school to arrange times to speak with staff. Your first point of contact will normally be with the Year Adviser. If you have a subject specific enquiry then you should contact the Head Teacher of that subject. Your communication with us is vital in each student's learning experience..

Answer

4 birds and 3 cages

Parents of Teenage Girls

Last year I promoted a book called "Girl Stuff" by Kaz Cooke. This fantastically written and researched book focuses on the changes and challenges that teenage girls face during this very difficult and quite often confusing time in their lives. Fran Williams (Aboriginal Education Officer) and I have decided to take it a step further and hold some "Girl Stuff" groups at lunch times.

There will be three different groups running throughout the week as follows: Years 7/8 Monday lunch, Years 9/10 Tuesday lunch and Years 11/12 Friday lunch. The groups will be held in the Library AV room and girls can bring their lunch. The groups will start in Week 5 and run for the remainder of the term. There will be various female teachers also attending the groups to offer support.

We will be discussing the topics from the book such as family, friends, feelings, changes, drugs and confidence just to name a few. I strongly recommend that you have a look as I feel it is one of the most useful resources for young girls that I have seen in a long time.

If you would like to discuss the groups please contact the school to make an appointment or you can borrow one the 12 copies of the book held in the Library for a short loan.
Chrissy Lasker, School Counsellor

Coming Events

- 30 Mar Year 12 Mid Course Exams
- 31 Mar Parent Teacher Meeting Year 7-11
- 2 Apr SLIKK Camp
- 9 Apr School Holidays start 3.15pm
- 29 Apr School Returns after holidays

