

Grafton High School

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Stars of Stage, Cuisine and Science from Grafton High

Last week Ashlee McCallum (Year 7) proudly represented Grafton High School as a solo performer at the DET Festival of Instrumental Music in the Opera House. Ashlee had to go through a rigorous process of audition before being selected to play the recorder. To be selected to perform in the Sydney Opera House is a great honour—chosen to perform solo is recognition of extraordinary talent.

This week Luke Bloomer (Year 12) won the North Coast division of the 2009 Apprentice Chef's Culinary Competition. The regional final was held in Coffs Harbour. Luke will now travel to Sydney for the state final—competing against apprentices from 14 regions across the state.

Erika Sopchak (Year 11) has been selected to attend the NSW Drama Camp in Sydney. Erika will travel to Sydney next week to meet with talented students from all over NSW. Workshops with noted performers and live theatre performances will be a wonderful opportunity to further develop her dramatic talent. Erika is a current scholarship holder from the Grafton Conservatorium.

Fraser Hemphill (Year 10) will next week travel to Melbourne for the ANZAAS youth conference. He is one of only 60 science students in Years 10, 11 and 12 from Australian and New Zealand schools. The conference is organised by the Australian & New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science (ANZAAS), to give students a broad perspective on scientific endeavour. Fraser was congratulated by Dr Matthew Colless who visited the school on Tuesday to speak with students about his extraordinary career in astronomy.

Dr Colless, a former Grafton High student, was in Grafton as a guest speaker at the Science, Religion and Philosophy Festival. He was excited to see the level of knowledge and interest in science shown by Year 10, 11 and 12 students with whom he spoke.

GHS students—past and present—certainly achieve extraordinary things!



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First on the North Coast
Leading the way since 1912

Attention: All Parents of Year 9 Students

Grafton High School will be running a series of days as a part of our welfare program for 2009. It is expected that ALL YEAR 9 STUDENTS will participate in this early intervention and prevention program for young people about respectful relationships. The program will be run on consecutive Fridays at the High School starting on the 7th August until the 28th August (Term 3).



The program centres on education regarding domestic violence and sexual assault and is conducted by a range of qualified professionals. It consists of educational sessions and creative sessions with a nice balance of factual knowledge and fun activities all aimed at providing a comprehensive understanding of the relevant issues.

If you **DO NOT** want your child to participate in the day please contact the school and talk to Craig Howe (Year 9 Adviser) or Christine Lasker (School Counsellor) or fill in the permission note attached to the information letter sent home. Thanks.



Doing our best at the athletics carnival

Available for Tender

For sale by tender is a Wood Thicknesser. If you have any enquiries you can phone Chris Metcalfe, Head Teacher TAS on 6642 3355 or just place your price in the Tender Box at the Front Office.

From the AEO's Desk

Next week is NAIDOC week it is going to be very busy for our students. Monday traditional games at Pine Street, Oval. Tuesday NAIDOC worksheets on TRAC. On Wednesday Trevor Kapeen will be coming to the school to have a Yarn-up. Thursday is the official school NAIDOC day so send along baked goods for the cake stall, the students will be doing a dance workshop period 3 and 4 with stalls, face painting, boomerang decorating and lots of other things occurring.

Deb Photos

Photos taken on the night will be available for viewing and ordering at Grafton Health Foods, 75 Prince Street, Grafton about a week after the event. All debts and partners have been asked to pay a \$15.00

sitting fee for the evening for which they receive a free group shot enlargement. These will need to be collected from Grafton High front office about a fortnight after the event.

BCU Banking Tips

Help others while you save



If you save your money in a BCU Community Saver Account, each year BCU will look at how much you have saved and your community credit union will donate The equivalent of 1% of the average balance for the year to a charity, school or club of your choice. Image knowing that you have helped buy the school new equipment or new books for the library—what a great feeling!

Maths Tutoring

Year 7 and 8 Maths students are you struggling with Maths? Not doing as well as you could? Maths tutoring available for \$15.00 for half an hour or \$20.00 for an hour. Call Hannah on 66435071

Overdue fees

Levies for elective subjects such as Food Technology and Textiles pay for consumables such as food and materials used by students in their practical lessons.

Some levies from Semester 1 are still outstanding. - could these be paid ASAP.

As from Term 3, aprons will no longer be provided to students who neglect to bring an apron from home. Could you please ensure your child brings an apron for practical lessons

Maths Gold Brain Teaser

This week's Brain Teaser is presented by Georgia Patterson.

If a rooster lays an egg on the top of a barn and the temperature is -3 degrees then when the wind blows which way will it roll?

Coming Events



- 3 July Debutante Ball
- 6 July Multi-Cultural Day Year 8
- 8 July Parent Teacher Meeting (Yr 7-12)
- 10 July Last day of Term 2

Community Programs
Family Relationship Skills Program
Presents

“Nobody told me it would be like this!”

A group for Grandparents under stress on Tuesday morning 7th July 9.30am to 12.30pm
Pullen Centre , Prince Street, Grafton



After looking forward to the joys of being a grandparent and time and space to themselves, many find themselves bearing more responsibility, the dream becomes a nightmare!

Meet with others, share your experience, gain from their experiences

Restore hopes and dreams from reality

Topics covered

Coping with intergenerational conflict and differences.

Who makes the rules?

Attending to stress

Boundaries

Taking time for yourself

Phone Mary on 66427257 for information and registration

All groups are free

Free Child care available in request

Music Workshop

Northern Notes is on again. In second Term it will run over two consecutive days with

Steve Williams.

The two days of music workshop (Monday 8.45-4.00, Tuesday 8.45-3) are to be held at Woolgoolga Public School for advanced musicians on Monday and Tuesday 17 & 18 August, 2009.

Steve is an exciting and experienced conductor who makes learning enormous fun. He has been involved in many instrumental performances and is well known among musicians as a great conductor for student bands.

This workshops is not for beginners. This two-day workshop is for advanced musicians (about Grade 2 AMEB and above) from both primary and secondary schools who have good note reading and fingering skills

Keyboard and electric bass players will need to bring their own instrument/extension cord/lead/amplifier/batteries etc.

Mrs Watson

**Yr 9 2010 Survivor
Wilderness Camp**

**Deposits and permission
notes due now please**

Thank you to the students

and parents who have given in their permission notes and paid their deposits for this exciting and challenging camp. Students viewed a DVD of Meebunn-bia last week which showed the type of activities participants could expect to be involved in for the four (4) day excursion. Students need to hand in their notes now along with their deposit. Deposits from students that are late will be placed on a waiting list set according to the date the deposit is paid. Please contact Mr Brown if you have any questions. Everyone in our Year is encouraged to attend.



WESTLAWN P&C

TRIVIA NIGHT

**6:30PM FOR 7PM START
SATURDAY 4TH JULY**

IN THE WESTLAWN HALL

\$10 PER PERSON

TICKETS FROM WESTLAWN OFFICE

MAKE A TABLE OF UP TO 8 PEOPLE

OR

JOIN A TABLE WITH OTHERS

GREAT PRIZES ... AND LOTS OF THEM!!!!

**BYO DRINKS AND NIBBLES
OVER 18s ONLY**

**Think Climate
Think Change**

Help to sort out your recycling at home
Recycling stops re-usable items from ending up in landfill and therefore decreases greenhouse emissions

**Brain Teaser
Answer**

Roosters don't lay eggs!

**Quote of the
Week**

Talk slow
Think quick