

Grafton High School

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The pace of maintenance quickens!

A major maintenance program got into full swing at Grafton High this week. The transformation of DL1, DL2, and DL3 is well under way. Maintenance and paintwork around the rest of the school has also started. All of this work will add to the fresh look of Grafton High School. By the end of Term 2 most work should be complete. This will help create a very pleasant environment in which to learn.



P1 & P2—1st to get a coat of paint

P&C Meeting—Thursday 28 May

Our next P&C meeting will be held in the new Science Labs so that parents can experience first hand these amazing new facilities—an open invitation from Science Head Teacher, Mr Rutledge. Come at 7.00pm to see and hear about the opportunities that Grafton High offers your students. Meetings conclude by 8.30pm—an hour & a half per month is a small but valuable investment in your child's future.



Damian & Kaitlyn busily working

Doing something for others

It has been very impressive to see so many students offering to participate in the Relay for Life at Yamba this weekend and the Red Shield Appeal next weekend. It's a very healthy sign when our students so willingly offer to help others in need.

Focus on Attendance

A school target for 2009 is to improve student attendance. Students are legally required to attend school each day—absences for sickness, or other special reasons must be explained by a note from parents/carers. Please submit notes promptly—it saves the time and cost associated with follow up.

Senior students who have study periods in the morning can sign in up until recess—and must sign in. Senior students who have study periods after lunch may sign out at lunchtime. No student is to leave the grounds without having signed out. No student is permitted to come and go without written permission.



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What a Wonderful Performance!

On Monday Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 were treated to an inspirational performance by Miss Gilmore's Year 11 Drama Students.

The performance was used to explain to students the new Bronze, Silver & Gold Awards system to be introduced at Grafton High School.

Each year group was treated to a performance written completely by the Drama students. For some it was their first public performance. Audience participation was encouraged and lots of fun, frivolity and lollipop missiles ensued.

All the year groups had a great time and now understand the new awards system a lot better. They are now looking forward to gaining these inspirational awards.

Miss Gilmore



The Cast of the Production

Debutante Ball Helpers Needed

The Grafton High School Debutante Ball is on Saturday the 23rd May. Tickets are on sale now at the front office. Cost is \$20 each and the limit has been increased to 12 per couple. If there are any parents or friends of ball participants that are available to help set up the hall on the Friday night and/or tidy up on the Sunday (11am start), any assistance would be much appreciated. Please contact Mrs Keats at the front office.

BCU Banking Tips

If you can't pay for it, don't buy it! It might sound simple, but using credit (borrowed money) to buy things has landed a lot of adults in trouble. Learning to wait and save for the things you want to buy is a skill for life. You'll appreciate the toy, book or game more if you have to wait for it and you might even find that by the time you've saved enough money, you don't really want that thing anymore and you'd prefer to buy something else!

From the AEO's Desk

Preparation is well underway for NAIDOC which is to be held the last week of Term 2. Could parents of senior students please make sure their Winter School applications are returned. Also three Year 10 students have been invited to Armidale University for an Information Day on teaching. Students in Years 7 & 9 have just completed their NAPLAN tests. Well done, guys

Maths Gold Brain Teaser

This weeks Brain Teaser is presented by
T'nikka Newby

What 7 letter word becomes longer when the third letter is removed?

Can Anyone Help?

As part of her Visual Arts body of work, Alexandra Neill is collecting brown eggs (preferably small), interesting brown feathers and the loan of a typewriter. Anyone who can help, please contact Ms Lucas in the CAPA staffroom.

Teacher Roles

HT English	Mrs Mellefont
HT History	Mrs Armstrong
HT Maths	Mr McGarvie
HT Science	Mr Rutledge
HT Social Science	Mr Butcher
HT LOTE	Mr Butcher
HT PDHPE	Mr Hillery
HT TAS	Mrs Marshall/Mr Metcalfe
HT CAPA (relieving)	Mrs Watson/Mrs Hilton
HT Support	Mrs Gazzard
HT Welfare	Mr Smith/Mrs Nichols
Year 7 Adviser	Mr Lasker
Year 8 Adviser	Mr Brown
Year 9 Adviser	Mr Howe
Year 10 Adviser	Ms Trstenjak
Year 11 Adviser	Mrs Adamson
Year 12 Adviser	Mr Robertson

Coming Events

21 May	Merit Awards Assembly
22 May	Yr 12 Reports issued
25 May	Yrs 7-10 Half Yearly Exams
28 May	P&C Meeting (7.00pm)
29 May	Zone X-Country
8 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
10 June	ICAS Science Competition
12 June	NC Cross Country
17 June	Athletics Carnival



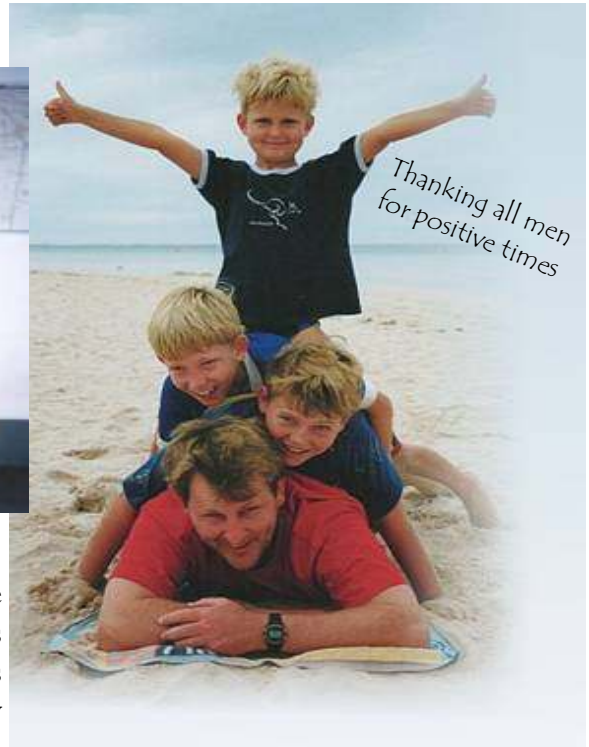
Answer: Lounger

Brain Teaser Answer



Thanks Dad National Photo Competition

Thanks Dad Photo Competition is a great way to say “thanks” to your dad, grandad, uncle, stepdad or even older brother or sports coach. With over 11 categories to enter you could win a cash prize and at the same time celebrate the great things your kids do with the most important man in their lives!



Categories this year include a category where you can take a picture with your mobile phone and send it direct to us as well as a special categories for high school aged students to take photos or write short stories about that special day or moment.

Download an entry form at www.thanksdadphotos.org or call 02 6622 3143 and we will send you one out. Visit the website to see the great photos taken by other families across the country and find out about hosting your own Exhibition of the Photos. All entries will be published on our website and displayed at our countrywide tour of the photos.

Entries open now - close August 25th 2009

For more information, ask at the school library



Sports Leaders

Taylor Barnes, Amanda Geary, Taylor Slattery, Sam Lennon, Danielle Goodwin, Myles Donhoe, Jake Lennon, Keaton Ingram Heading off to assist the local primary schools Gala Day. Grafton High School has a strong Sport Leadership program. Students doing Physical Activity and Sport Studies, PDHPE or Sport Coaching all participate in this program. Our students have developed a reputation for providing outstanding leaders in sport. Our students are specifically requested because they are seen as reliable, enthusiastic and well presented.

This term four of our students, Jarrad Day, Shaun Guilfoyle, Sam Lennon and Jake Lennon, have assisted South Grafton Public school with umpires for the Zone Rugby League. While Tom Whalan, Zac Reardon and Brendan Moys-

ton assisted the school with the Zone Soccer.

The Year 11 students pictured assisted a combined Primary Schools Gala Sport Day.

All students had a great day and the report from South Grafton was that the students were ‘outstanding’.