

Grafton High School

Achieving Excellence

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Nemo Arrives at the Ag Farm!

Well, not really Nemo but eight of his distant relatives, silver perch, arrived this week to become the first fish in our new Aquaculture facility at the School Farm. The fish are now living in one of the large 1000 litre tanks and join the smaller fish in aquaria at our facility.

We are very excited about this project which has been planned over a number of years. Students in Marine Studies and Agriculture will now have the opportunity to actively participate in the practical management aspects of fish farming. This certainly improves participation and enthusiasm for leaning.



We are very appreciative for the stock and good advice from staff at the Department of Primary Industries Grafton Aquaculture Centre at Trenayr. Food for the fish has also been kindly donated by Ridley Aqua-Feed Products, a division of Ridley Agri-Products. Thank you.



Mr Brown—Agriculture & Science



Swine Flu Precautions

Because of the widespread transmission of the Human Swine Flu virus in Melbourne the following advice applies: *Students and staff who have travelled to greater metropolitan Melbourne are required to stay away from school for 7 days after their return to NSW.*

Please contact the school if this advice applies to you.



Coming Events

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| 8 June | Queen's Birthday Holiday |
| 9 June | Yrs 10 & 11 Textile Excursion |
| 10 June | ICAS Science Competition |
| 12 June | NC Cross Country |
| 16 June | Yr 12 parent meeting |
| 17 June | Athletics Carnival |
| 25 June | P&C Meeting |



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Yr 8 Wilderness Camp - Expression of Interest Notes Due back!

A Survivor Wilderness Camp is being organised for Year 8. This is a follow up from our successful Great Aussie Bush Camp last year. Excursions are always a highlight of school life and here is your chance to be involved in an exciting adventure. All participants will experience a wide range of outdoor activities in a wilderness environment.

Where: Near Rathdowney just over the Queensland border

When: Tues 9 to Fri 12 March 2010

What: Bush camping with challenging activities along the way

All students have been provided with an information note including an "Expression of Interest" section to be returned to Mr Brown if you would like your son/ daughter to participate on this exciting adventure. The site is very popular and only one week in March is available. Please return the note ASAP so that we can secure our booking.

Mr Brown



Quote of the Week

Most people can give themselves excellent advice.

It's just a shame that a large number of them are incapable of taking it.

Brain Teaser Answer
The Match

Grafton Camera Club Training Session Held at GHS

Grafton High School was the site chosen for the *Grafton Camera Club: Richard White Darkroom Training* session on Friday 29th of May. Richard is a freelance photographer who lives in Mansfield, Victoria. He is a Double Master of Photography with the Australian Institute of Professional Photography (AIPP), a regular judge at their annual convention and a past president of the Victorian Division. In 2003 he won the Landscape division of the Victorian Awards and received an Arts Council grant for overseas study. He is also a regular exhibitor of landscape photography and keynote speaker at photographic conventions.

Two Year 10 Photography students were awarded scholarships to attend the full day convention and hands-on training in the field and in the darkroom. Erin Corkett and Courtney Mitchell joined the adults who participated in the convention in darkroom specialist techniques and on site photography training at various venues in the Grafton area. Both digital techniques and B/W techniques were studied during the day and an exhibition of Erin and Courtney's digital works from the convention is available for viewing on the D-block display boards.

Mrs Hilton



Canteen News

To recognize the special helpers who volunteer their time to come and make our Canteen the success it we will hold a special day to celebrate "Canteen Day" on Friday 19th June. The theme for the day is "BUSH TUCKER DAY". Special menu options will include:

- ✓ Pumpkin Soup
- ✓ Chicken Noodle Soup
- ✓ Damper
- ✓ Wallaby Stew (made with lamb)
- ✓ Shepherds Pie
- ✓ Anzac biscuits
- ✓ Lamingtons



Students have a chance to win some great prizes by making a poster that promotes the canteen. ***There will be a prize for the best poster from each year. All posters will be displayed outside the canteen.***

Posters need to be handed in to the canteen by Friday 12th June for judging. Staff and students are all encouraged to participate.

Maths Gold Brain Teaser

This week's Brain Teaser is presented by T'nikka Newby:

If you had only one match, on a freezing winter day, and you entered a room which contained a lamp, a kerosene heater, and a wood burning stove, which should you light first?.

GHS Rowers

Congratulations to Johanna Tarrant and Sarah Jones for being selected in the NSW Rowing Team to compete at the Youth Cup in Sydney in July. The Youth Cup involves Australian state and territory teams and New Zealand rowers.

Thank you to those rowers who helped remove our boats and equipment from the rowing shed. These students Kate, Ben and Nathan Sneesby, Oliver Couch, Adam Spies, Rachel West, Fraser Hemphill, Tim and Mark Riddell worked in flood water late into the night to save our valuable equipment. Our efforts were also appreciated by the Grafton Rowers. Mrs Tarrant



This week three of our students learned that they had won Australian Defence Force Technical Scholarships valued at \$2000 each to complete their HSC studies. Congratulations boys—recognition of students who show great commitment. Mr Barnier

Lower Clarence Dance Eisteddfod

25 students from GHS took 2 dance routines to Yamba to perform on Friday 15th May 2009. The year 8 dance class performed “Wiggle it” and for some in the group it was the very first time they have ever performed. They were well rehearsed and did a wonderful job.

The ensemble performed “Forever” and made an impression performing in a hip hop style that was very different to all other routines in the section. The feedback was very positive from the adjudicator and the girls all had a wonderful day.

Year 12 Parent Teacher Evening

Parents of students in Year 12 are invited to join us at the Parent—Teacher evening which will be held on Tuesday 16th June from 4.00pm until 6.00pm. This is a valuable opportunity to catch up with your child’s teachers and to discuss some strategies for the final run towards the HSC.



DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION – Leave application – GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL

School phone no. 6642 3355 School Fax no. 6642 3184 School email: Grafton-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

All notes late/leave/sick must be written on these pink leave application forms signed by parent/guardian with correct dates and phone number. Thank you.

NAME (Please PRINT): _____ YEAR: _____ ROLL GROUP: _____

Complete A or B below:

A Days Absent – Dates _____

B Part Day Absence: - Date _____ Time: _____

(for late students or students leaving during the day)

Student’s signature: _____ Date: _____

Reasons for Leave: _____



REGULATION: Illness and family emergencies are lawful reasons for leave.

PLEASE NOTE: It is unlawful for parents to allow children to stay home other than for the above-mentioned reasons. Medical and dental appointments should be made outside school hours, where possible. Sport is compulsory.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ (home/work)