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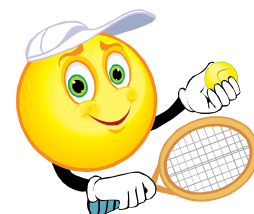
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Tennis

The North Coast Tennis trials were recently held at the Grafton City Tennis courts. Grafton High sent a strong contingent of 6 boys and 1 girl. After a very comprehensive selection process two Grafton High students ended as number one ranked players in the U'16 Year Boys and Open Girls. Congratulations to Jack Chard and Brittany Huxley for filling these positions. Nicholas Crispin and Walter Rowlands were also successful in making the team, while Harry Fahey finished the day as 1st reserve for the team.



Both boys and girls teams will travel to Armidale to represent the North Coast in the State Inter Regional carnivals later this year.

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HSC Focus

Year 12 students are now focusing on final preparations for their HSC with Trial exams commencing next week and projects & major works due for completion very soon. Year 12 Adviser, Mr Robertson, has organised special after school tutorial sessions to help students as they prepare for the coming exams. The involvement of a large number of students and staff in these voluntary sessions makes a strong statement about the desire for each student in Year 12 2009 to achieve their personal best.



HSC students making use of the Library in preparing for high standards of achievement in the upcoming trial exams and the HSC

Trial Exams over the next two weeks will, for many courses, be the final assessment task prior to the HSC. This means that the remaining weeks of this term can be spent revising and building an understanding of what is required to maximise achievement in the HSC exams which begin on Tuesday 20 October.



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First on the North Coast
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Expectations at GHS

A reminder about basic expectations at Grafton High:

Mobile phones & MP3 players

Mobile phones are not normally to be brought to school. If there are special circumstances requiring a mobile phone then a request should be made to the Principal and an exception pass can be issued. MP3 players (and similar devices) may be used at lunch and recess. Students who bring these to school do so at their own risk. The school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage.

Attendance

The law requires a student to attend school every day. Any absences are to be explained in writing. Please be prompt in providing notes to explain any absences.

Uniform

It is an expectation of our school community that all students wear school uniform. In cooler weather some students choose to wear jumpers and jackets that are NOT school uniform. This is not acceptable at Grafton High. *If family circumstances make it difficult to afford a school jacket or jumper then student assistance funds may be used to assist—simply request an application form from the Front Office.* When a student is repeatedly out of uniform it will be treated as continued disobedience and managed under the Discipline Policy

Photos of students

From time to time students are photographed at school and photos are used in school publications (Newsletter, Graftonian etc) If you object to your student being photographed for such purposes please contact the Front Office.

Time for a Spring Clean in the Holidays

The spring fair will be held on September the 4th. Week 6, next term. We are keen to start a Bush Tucker Garden at school, and are having a stall at the Fair to raise money for the purchase of plants and landscaping supplies.

Donations of unwanted books, magazines, videos, CD's, DVD's, jigsaw puzzles or plants in pots would be very much appreciated. They can be given to Mrs Caley in the Science department.

Maths Gold Brain Teaser

This week's quiz is presented by Dakota Scott.

A street that is 40 Metres long has a tree every 10 metres on both sides. How many total is on the entire street?

Think Climate Think Change

Plant Trees

Trees absorb carbon dioxide and help to reduce green house gases in the atmosphere

Artsfest Scholarships

Artsfest 2009 has generously offered scholarships and half scholarships to students of Grafton High School in a range of music, art and drama courses. Interested? Get more information from your Art, Music or Drama teacher and tell them which course you want to apply for. You need to speak to your teachers and apply by Friday 14 August. Successful applicants will be notified shortly after this date

Art courses: Kool Kidz Art – 12 – 16 years
Video Production and Editing
Colour collage and calligraphy
Aerial scapes in mixed media
Drawing
Portraiture
Abstract art

Music courses: Big Band Workshop working with
John Morrison, John Hoffman, Ken
Stubbs and Jacki Cooper

Mrs Watson

Premier's Reading Challenge 2009

The Challenge for this year's award concludes this month. The final day for GHS students to add titles to their entries will be Friday 28th August. Most students involved have been adding titles to their entry forms on-line. They must therefore notify their English teacher or the Teacher-Librarian that they have submitted an entry, so that entries can be validated before 1st September.



BCU Banking Tips

Save your coins

Every time you pay for something using a \$5.00 or \$10.00 note, put the change in your money box. You won't have to worry about carrying around a wallet bulging with coins and all that silver and gold soon adds up. Once a month take your money box to BCU and deposit all the change into your savings account.



Saving the Environment

In some houses more power is used powering the clock on the microwave than heating meals in it. Standby power consumption costs the average Australian \$100 a year.



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 starting on the 7th August until the 28th August.

The program centres on education about domestic violence and sexual assault and is conducted by qualified professionals. It consists of educational sessions and creative sessions with a nice balance of factual knowledge and fun activities 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.



Music Workshop

Northern Notes, a two day music workshop, is on again. The two days of music workshop will be held at Woolgoolga Public School on Monday-Tuesday 17 & 18 August. This workshop with Steve Williams is for advanced musicians.

Steve Williams 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 workshop is not for beginners. It will suit advanced musicians (about Grade 2 AMEB and above) who have good note reading and fingering skills. Keyboard and electric bass players will need to take their own instrument/extension cord/lead/amplifier/batteries etc.

See Mrs Watson for further information.

Professional Learning Day for Teachers

Last Friday our teaching staff were treated to an enjoyable day at the Grafton Community Centre. We all learnt new ways to actively engage our students using a variety of classroom structures presented by Robyn Cragg and Yvonne Collings from Kagan Australia.

Staff believe that Kagan structures are advantageous for all students as they help create mastery in skills, develop workplace competencies, enhance faster thinking and help ensure all students are actively engaged in the learning process.

Thanks go to Penne Davis, Cathy Baillie and the Food technology teachers for producing the yummy soups. Special mention must also go to Jessica Atkins, Nathan Tweedie and Brooke Gardiner for their serving skills. Mrs Glasser

Senior Hospitality

Senior students from the Support Unit completing practical work as part of the Special Hospitality program



Brain Teaser Answer

Answer 10, 5 on each side.

Quote of the Week

Before you lend somebody money check that their character is bigger than the amount lent!

Coming Events

10 Aug Year 12 Trial HSC Exams begin

11 Aug PDHPE Ski Trip

14 Aug Yr 8&11 (2010)

subject selections due

27 Aug P&C (7.00pm)

4 Sept Spring Fair

