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Record Win For Grafton High Girls Squash Team

Grafton High School's outstanding success in NSW CHS Squash knockout continued last Friday when the team won its 4th consecutive title at the Thornleigh Squash Centre in Sydney (and a record 6 titles overall). The young 2009 team is continuing a proud tradition in squash.

The win was even more impressive with two of the top players from last year's winning side having left school. The 2009 team of Iritana Gray, Moana Gray, Tegan Morgan and Rebecca Gray are all students from Years 9 & 10.

Grafton defeated Wyong High School 4-0 in the semi-final. In the final, they played Dubbo High School, who made it to the decider after a narrow victory over the highly fancied Leeton side. The first two rubbers in the final were extremely close tussles with Tegan Morgan winning the first match 3-1 and Rebecca Gray going down by the same margin. This left both sides with a winning chance. However, in the deciding matches sisters Iritana and Moana Gray, two of the rising stars in the game, completely dominated their opponents. Both won impressively by 3 games to love.

Grafton High was presented with the Stellar Cup for the 4th consecutive year.



More Outstanding Sporting Achievements ...

The diverse range of sporting talent at Grafton High has been highlighted this week with our girls success in squash and our boys hockey team winning through to the final eight in NSW.

We also have Scott Clarke representing Grafton High with great success on the snowfields in the Interschool Championships. Scott has reached a standard that allows him to compete confidently against international athletes.

In Tenpin Bowling Simon Pearce has been achieving great things. His consistent success at 2009 NSW and Australian Championships has been instrumental in seeing him named as captain of the NSW team for 2010. At the NSW trials Simon bowled consistently to finish with a lead of 469 points over his nearest rival—with 279 as his best game score.



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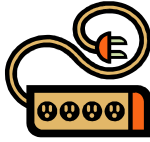


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Maths Gold Brain Teaser

This week's brain teaser is presented by Trevor Hughes!!!

There is a pink house made of bricks, a blue house made of bricks and an orange house made of bricks. What colour bricks is the greenhouse made of?

Grafton Boys Hockey Team off to State Finals

Grafton Hockey complex was host last Friday, to the clash of the round in the finals race for open Schoolboys hockey. 16 teams remained in the New South Wales Hockey Knockout draw. Traditional rivals the North Coast and the North West faced off to battle for a spot in the NSW finals series. The unknown is a source of stress for all athletes and Knockout hockey competition is obliging in providing this to adolescents in abundance.

Opponents Oxley High School presented with a very solid reputation for playing very good hockey. They were reported to have sound players in a number of lines on the field. School sport is not always about the best player on the field, but rather the standard of play able to be maintained by the players who make up the numbers in a team sport. With this in mind, Grafton High approached this match with a serious preparation provided by a game against a combined first grade men's team. Thank you to all those that volunteered their time in order for this to occur. With some solid structures in place and some game time it was time to face off.

9.00am Friday and Grafton High Boys are getting attired in the Grafton High Uniform. Oxley High is already dressed and ready to go. Game preparation begins (after a short delay) - with time for athletes to think about roles and structures that will be asked of them in this game.

9.30am and a large number of students on the hill (and Mr. Roder) are supporting the journey of Grafton High School boys toward finals hockey.

10.00am and play begins with a large percentage of both field position and possession on ball in favour of our team. Goals however are not forthcoming as we see one disallowed areal deflection played into the goal, being the closest to giving the tech bench some work to do with the score board.

10.35am and we go to half time with the score locked at 0-0. Some work to do in the second half if we are to go to Sydney. Some changes of structure needed in the striker line should produce a result.

10.40am and the second half begins with a much improved passing game from Grafton High. Forced turnovers from Oxley High means that much of the game is now being played in the opposition half of the field. As the high strikers create space the pressure mounts on the defence of Oxley and the cracks begin to appear. Grafton High gave the tech bench some work to do on the score board and other. The increased tempo of the passing game that Grafton High was now constructing was exposing holes in Oxley a second, third and fourth time.

11.00am - We would like to express our thanks to Peter Herden and David "Gibbo" for umpiring our game. Grafton High are off to Sydney in Week 9 of term - Wednesday 23rd and 24th September.



Tafe Peer Tutor Training

On Friday 21st August, 18 Year 10 students travelled to Grafton TAFE to participate in a training day for peer tutoring. Cate and Mrs McLennan taught us how to help our tutees learn better and how to encourage them to achieve great things. Thank you from all of the Year 10 Peer tutoring group to Cate and Mrs McLennan for making this occasion so great.



Peer Tutors



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 Hartmann (relieving)
Year 9 Adviser	Mr Howe
Year 10 Adviser	Ms Trstenjak
Year 11 Adviser	Mrs Martin
Year 12 Adviser	Mr Robertson

September 11—Spring Fair

Next Friday (11 September) parents are invited to join staff and students for our Annual Spring Fair. A great variety of fun and food is planned. All money raised will go towards a variety of projects to benefit Grafton High. As the renewal of many parts of Grafton High nears completion there will be a variety of old furniture for sale—tables, chairs and cupboards. Come and browse—you may be able to grab a bargain.

Students will attend normal lessons in the morning (many will be accompanied by Year 12 “slaves” purchased at auction this week) and then everyone will be involved in the fun of the Spring Fair. No students will not be allowed to leave school early unless a note is received from parents.

GHS Uniform Expectations

It is a clear expectation that all students of Grafton High wear the school uniform. This includes a requirement that students wear safe, covered footwear. ***Students in sandals or thongs will be withdrawn from classes*** and home contacted so that appropriate footwear can be provided for safe participation in classes. Student Assistance may be requested for uniform. Application forms are available from the Front Office. Applications are treated in confidence.

SRC Students

Make a Statement on Values

This week young student leaders from the SRC spoke on assembly about the importance of respecting one another in class and in the playground. Our student leaders see no place for teasing or bullying.

It is impressive to see Grafton High’s young leaders setting the standard and urging all students to set the same standard. Respect for each other is a key to the friendly and supportive environment that dominates at Grafton High.



Peer Tutors

2009 Junior Jacaranda Fundraiser

A fundraiser will be held for the Junior Jacaranda. A Disco bowling night on Friday 25th September, 6.30pm to 9.30pm at Grafton Ten Pin Bowl. The cost will be \$12.00 which includes 1 game, sausage sandwich and soft drink. There will be no pass outs.

Lucky door and spot prizes throughout the night. Please come along, have a great time and support the girls in their



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Coming Events

- 11 Sept Yr 11 Workplacement Construction
- 11 Sept Spring Fair
- 21 Sept Yr 11 Exams
- 28 Sept Yr 10 & Yr 11 Exams
- 2 Oct Yr 12 Farewell Assembly



Brain Teaser Answer

Answer: Greenhouses are made out of glass or plastic not