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Grafton Saleyards Excursion

35 students studying agriculture (Yr 10,11) and primary industries (Yr 11,12) visited the Grafton Saleyards on Tuesday the 1st of September. A cattle auction was in progress and students were able to sit with the buyers and observe the process firsthand.

Students observed the features that determined the sale price of the cattle such as muscle, fat etc.. as the cattle were paraded in front of them. The final sale price and weight was displayed on electronic screens.

Some students discussed sales with auctioneers and buyers and all became more familiar with this important area for the cattle breeder.

The mature attitude and behaviour of the students was noted by the saleyard manager, Mr Smith and Mr Kelemec.



Support Unit Fundraiser For A Friend In Need

Our fellow student Tammy has been unwell in hospital. The students wanted to do something to help Tammy and her mother with Medical and associated costs. We also wanted them to know we were thinking of them and missing them.

It was decided to run a BBQ to go to this worthy cause.

The Barbeque was a great success. A big thank you to Grafton Primary School support Unit who visited and supported this worthy cause, also the SRC representatives who provided extra assistance under Mr Murgatroyds watchful eye. The support unit Staff and students were overwhelmed by the participation of students and staff at Grafton High in making this event at great success. It was very touching to see such a caring nature towards other students.

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First on the North Coast
Leading the way since 1912

Found

A sum of money was found in Food Tech, if you think it maybe yours contact Mrs Marshall in Food Tech staffroom.

Maths Gold Brain Teaser

This week's brain teaser is presented by Sam Allen
A wine maker died and left twenty one wine barrels to his three sons. The barrels consisted of: 7 empty barrels, 7 half full barrels and 7 full barrels. Each son was to receive an equal number of full, half and empty barrels. There were no measuring devices available. How can this be done?

Year 7 to 10 Parent Teacher Evening

Parents of students in Years 7 to 10 are invited to join us at the upcoming Parent-Teacher evening. The evening will be held on Tuesday 29th September from 3.30pm until 6.00pm in the Library. This is a valuable opportunity to catch up with your child's teachers and to discuss some strategies to enable them to achieve the best outcomes from their continuing education.

What is Skwirk?

Skwirk is an online education portal offering syllabus-specific content for school students. Skwirk covers the core subjects including Maths, Science & Technology, English, History, Geography, Commerce and Economics.

All year 9 students can have **free access until 2 October 2009**.

Furthermore, we're offering discounted rates and extended subscription periods to the parents of those students who would like to continue using Skwirk after October.

To try SKWIRK or find out more information, log on to www.skwirk.com.au



Busily cooking for the BBQ Fundraiser

Quote of the Week

As a general rule, general notions are generally wrong.

Scott Clark Ski Trip

Scott Clark (Year 12) finished off his Interschools skiracing career for Grafton High School with a fourth in the Australian National Interschools Championships last weekend.

Suffering from a very bad dose of flu which meant he had missed a race the previous day. Scott was beaten out of the first three places by Jono Wong and Sam Nottle from Melbourne Grammar School who took first and third and Nick Karlowatz from The Pittwater House School in Sydney who was placed second. The margins were very tight—there was only 0.3 of a second in the times between first and fourth. Scott was disappointed to just miss a podium finish in his last interschools race.

The annual interschools national ski races—this year held at Falls Creek in Victoria—give Australia's best school age skiers a chance to compete for their schools. The competition's opening ceremony includes flare runs, snow bikes and skidoos.

The race topped off a good season for Scott which saw him improve his international points standing by about 10 to place him in the top 20 Australian ski racers.

Scott has competed for Grafton High School every year of his high school career and before that he competed for Grafton Public School. On several occasions (including this year) Scott has taken out first place in the Northern NSW Division for Grafton High School.

When Scott leaves school at the end of this year it could be sometime before Grafton High School is again represented in snow ski racing.

Scott will be heading off to train and race in Austria and Italy after the HSC.



Think Climate Think Change

Manage your own climate

In winter make sure you are wearing warm clothes before turning up the heater. This helps to save electricity

Brain Teaser Answer

Answer. Take one half barrel and tip it into another half barrel. You now have 8 full barrels and five half barrels and 8 empty barrels. Repeat this again. You now have 9 full barrels, 3 half barrels and 9 empty barrels. Each brother now gets 3 full barrels, 1 half barrel and 3 empty barrels.

Become a Volunteer and Gain that Competitive Edge

Voluntary work is fast becoming a common form of work experience. It is also a great way to test the water to see if you are interested in a certain career path and is particularly useful in establishing new contacts.

Volunteering is a great way to gain new skills

Many do not realise that thorough training is often given to volunteers in areas such as supervision, communication, presenting skills, use of equipment, health and safety, and in providing information to the community. All these skills are highly transferable to paid employment, and as such, can make you very attractive to employers.

Volunteer work on your resume? Absolutely!

Do not assume that because volunteer work is not paid, that it is not worth adding to your resume. Nothing could be further from the truth. In order to capture the employer's attention, your resume needs to stand out from all the others. One way to do this is to show employers that you are an involved member of society, someone who is committed to making the community a better place to live.

Volunteering can be for everyone

There are literally hundreds of organisations who have volunteers as the backbone of what they do. The most well known are charity, community service and church affiliated organisations. Though there are many more organisations such as animal welfare, environmental/outdoors, sporting and youth activities to name a few. For further information please contact Volunteering Clarence Valley (02 6642 6979) located within the New School of Arts Neighbourhood House, Cnr of Spring and Skinner Streets, South Grafton



Rodney busily cooking the BBQ

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

Mobile Phones & MP3 players

Mobile phones being used at school will be confiscated, to be collected by a parents unless a mobile phone pass is requested. MP3 players may be used at recess & lunch but not in class. The school accepts no responsibility for lost or damaged items.

Drum Tuition

Creative Drum tuition with experienced drummer and teacher. Twelve years teaching experience, 26 years drumming experience. Phone Michael on 0415161651.

Mobile phones

We are still collecting mobile phones for recycling. Help save the gorillas of the Congo. Help reduce toxic waste in landfill. Phones can be given to Mrs Caley or Mrs Kelly who will forward them to a company that refurbishes or recycles them and in turn sends us \$2.50 per phone for environmental projects around the school.

Grafton City Soccer

Grafton City Soccer Club Presentation Day Sunday September 27th 11.00am at the racecourse under main grandstand. \$15.00 per family, \$4.00 single. Presentation to all players.

Coming Events

- 28 Sept Yr 10 & Yr 11 Exams
- 2 Oct Yr 12 Farewell Assembly
- 19 Oct School Returns

