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Community Forum
The community forums were held last week at the South Grafton District Services Club as a means of gathering community input into future directions for the school. While attendance at the forums was a little disappointing, the insights and thoughts of those in attendance were much appreciated.

Parent Teacher Night
The parent teacher night held on Tuesday was well supported. Parents and teachers took the time to discuss those strategies best suited to realising the full potential of the students in their care. The questions posed at the community forums were revisited via a questionnaire, with pleasing results. We appreciate the feedback and the thoughtful insights provided. The results of the forums and questionnaires will be published in the near future.

Star Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have recently received star awards.
Year 11

Year 10

Red Star Award – Amanda Gallagher, Brittany Beresford, Brooke Leslie, Taya Pracy, Amber Collins, Jayden Whaites-Fruitrich, Maeve Grant, Ben Liyou, Kaitlyn Perdicaro and Emersyn Burton.

P&C Meeting
A reminder that the P&C meeting will be held Monday 4 April 2016 in the school library at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

QUBERider
Twenty two Year 9 students have been selected to take part in the Community of Schools STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) learning project called QubeRider. Forty two students from both Grafton and South Grafton High School will be involved in the project.

QubeRider is a program where students will become rocket scientists; learning skills such as programming, electronics, experimental design and data analysis as they build their own data-driven space experiment. Students will code and construct an electronics board (ASIMOV) that will be launched on a rocket from Cape Canaveral in late 2016/early 2017. Students will code their own computer program for an experiment they design themselves, using a number of different sensors to collect 15 minutes of real-time space data. Between the two schools there will be ten experiments sent to...
space to collect data. This project will be an authentic STEM learning experience that will teach students the skills they need for the rapidly evolving technological world that they will live and work in as adults. Students will be undertaking parts of this project in lessons at their respective schools, being taught across the three faculties of Science, Technology and Mathematics. Later this year, students from both schools will come together at a special “Space Camp” where they will be able to share the ideas and skills they have learnt throughout the project.

A project launch will be held at the Grafton Regional Library on the 4th April 2016. The guest speaker for the launch is one of the creators of QubeRider, Solange Cunin, an ex-student of South Grafton High School. She will be speaking to the students about the project as well as sharing her journey from school student to university and her experiences in the Space and Engineering field. She will be a valuable role model and a link to STEM industries for the students.

**Heron Island**

At 12 o’clock midnight on March 21, 25 Year 11 students left South Grafton and headed off for a once in a lifetime trip to Heron Island. After 10½ hours on the bus and a 2½ boat trip the students landed on the beaches of this tropical paradise. Reef walks, snorkelling, activities at North Beach and Shark Bay revealed thousands of species of fish and other marine life with some highlights being; swimming with manta rays, sharks and turtles, watching baby turtles erupting from their nest, watching a mother turtle make a nest to lay her eggs and games night. Lots of fun and sunshine was had by all while learning valuable lessons about the ecosystems, the interactions of organisms on the Great Barrier Reef and the impact of humans. Although we had lots of fun on the island, we also learned heaps. We were so lucky to have had such wonderful teachers who had taken the time to organise the best excursion of our school life. Thanks to all, especially to the “Big Kahuna”. I would recommend this trip to any Year 11 serious about learning more about the Great Barrier Reef and the animals that live there.

**Excursion to SORT**

During weeks 8 & 9, each of the CSI groups have been fortunate to visit SORT Recycling Limited. SORT (Soil Oceans Rivers Trees) is a not-for-profit social enterprise that aims to enhance recycling and reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. All over Australia there are more than 200 SORT enterprises, with two in the Clarence Valley (Maclean and Grafton). The students learnt about the recycling of e-waste (computers, printers etc), the reconditioning of donated computers and 3D printing. The students were able to watch the 3D printer create a small model, and were given the opportunity to ask Blake and Wayne (numerous) questions. They were particularly interested in SORTs next major project of 3D printing 3D printers for 20 lucky schools from the Clarence Valley.

The visit to SORT was also for the CSI students to learn about Grafton’s ResourceXchange Center.
ResourceXchange is a free service designed to divert reusable resources from landfill. It is a location to drop in items such as glass jars, buckets, rubber bands, corks, egg cartons etc. Anybody can visit (from after Easter at The Emporium in South Grafton) and take what they need. The CSI kids used this opportunity to collect resources for their upcoming Egg Drop Challenge.

Session with Costa
The CSI Newton class (Westlawn Public School students) were extremely lucky to have been invited to a session with Costa Georgiadis. Costa, from ABC Gardening Australia was in Grafton filming for Dirtgirlworld’s Compost Academy which is based around the Clarence Valley Council’s organics recycling facility. Along with 30 other students from SGPS and GPS, the CSI students visited Grafton Library. Here, they were treated to an informative, engaging, energetic and fun filled hour and a half. The main topic of conversation surrounded the creation of waste, the way in which we need to change our perception of rubbish and waste into reusable and recyclable items and the part children play in this. The students also had the opportunity at the end to ask questions, which ranged from the backyard garden to climate change and Costa’s TV presence. Costa’s visit has left the students with the confidence to target big world issues locally first, then to take them further afield. Children are just the medium for the groundswell to gain momentum!

Careers
We would like to invite our school community to attend the 35th annual Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) to be held on Saturday and Sunday 16 & 17 of July 2016 at the RICC, Brisbane Showgrounds.
TSXPO is a wonderful opportunity for our students to collect relevant information needed to make decisions regarding their future career path. The event is host to more than 100 different exhibitors from around Australia and overseas including - Universities (many with representatives from ALL their faculties), Private Education Training Colleges, Defence Forces, Student Services incl QTAC and QCAA, Gap and Exchange programs, Professional Associations and many more. Admission is Free. www.CareersEvent.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/TSXPO
As discussed, can you please forward this information on to all those who may be interested. The position is based in Yamba.

Council website job ad:
Link to Seek job ad:

Your Future Careers Workshop
You are invited to attend "Your Future Careers Workshop" at Southern Cross University Coffs Harbour Campus on Tuesday 5 April 2016 from 3.00 - 6.00 pm in room A1.22. This exciting and inspiring event is designed to help you identify your dream career, learn the steps you need to take to get there, and network with industry experts.
Spaces for this event are limited so please RSVP to Michelle at michelle.simpson@scu.edu.au or text 0417 883 326 by 23 March 2016.

**Anti-Bullying initiative - Stymie**

As part of the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence we launched Stymie. Stymie allows bystanders to send anonymous notifications to our school, about someone who they believe is being bullied or harmed. School staff can then contact the victim of the behaviour to offer support and advice before investigating the report. Stymie promotes the pro-social responsibilities of bystanders and outlines their responsibilities in the cycle of bullying. We are encouraging our students to speak up for one another without fear of reprisal.

Parents are still advised to report bullying to the school via their child’s Year Advisor. For more information please see the flyer included in this newsletter or visit stymie.com.au

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**Canteen Roster**

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**Community News**

**Yoga for Teens** is fun and engaging it helps cultivate confidence and self-esteem; develop concentration and attention; relax and sleep better; learn to cope with stressful situations. Starting Term 2 classes just for teens.

Tuesday & Wednesday 4-5pm. Cost $8

Studio location: 46 Oliver Street, Grafton
Contact Skye 0410988666
skye@innerrhythmymyoga.com.au
FB: Inner Rhythm Yoga

**Boom, Bang, Boogie Workshop**

At the Clarence Valley Conservatorium on Tuesday 26 April 2016 from 9.00 am – 2.30 pm for students in Years 3 to 8 with at least 2 years playing experience.

Information letter and consent form are available at the SGHS office and must be returned to the Clarence Valley Conservatorium by Friday 2 April 2016

**Live ‘n’ Loud in the library**

Young people in the valley are invited to get live ‘n’ loud in Grafton Library on Thursday 14 April from 6-9pm. This will be an opportunity for young musicians to perform live in front of their friends in an alcohol and drug free environment. Young musicians are encouraged to contact the library to be included in the line up. Open to individuals and bands under 18 yrs. old, sets are a maximum of 5 songs. Entry is by gold coin donation. If you are an interested musician looking for an opportunity to perform, or you would like more information, please contact the library on 6641 0101 or email graftonlib@crl.nsw.gov.au
Grafton Junior Showgirls 2016
Aged 13 to 16 (by mid April) Please contact Kathryn Stewart on 0417 039 353 or visit facebook.com/GraftonShow.

Grafton High School has for sale
5 wethers (Black Dorper); 2 ewes (Black Dorper); 1 hogget (Damara). All 8 month old weaner lambs (except hogget)
Tender forms available from Grafton High School front office.
Tenders must be delivered to Grafton High School office by 7 April 2016.
To be sold as a group – no individual sales.
Please see/phone Mr Kelemec for details and tender forms.
6642 33 55
ADF CAREERS INFORMATION SESSION

Australia's Navy, Army and Air Force can give you experiences money can’t buy – a career that not only improves you personally, but means doing something worthwhile for your country.

There really is something for almost everyone – from fully paid university degrees and graduate entry schemes, rewarding trade and technical careers, exciting combat roles, through to support and administration positions.

With more than 250 jobs on offer, with a multitude of entry avenues, there has never been a better time to find out more.

To learn more, attend an Australian Defence Force Careers Information Session.

When: Tuesday, 5 April 2016
Time: 6:00pm
Where: Grafton Community and Function Centre, 59 Duke Street, Grafton
To RSVP please call 13 19 01 or email cptqld@dfr.com.au