

# Newsletter

## SOUTH GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL

Term 4, Week 5, 2019

### From the Principal's Desk

#### Devastating Fires

In the last week, I have been both shocked and amazed by the stories of devastating loss, heroic bravery, dogged determination and incredible generosity shown by our local communities. Many of the students at SGHS have relatives and friends who were directly affected by the bushfires and some have also lost everything themselves. In the coming weeks it will be important for us, as a community, to check in on our friends and neighbours. Ask them if they need help with something, or just listen to their story. The road to recovery will be long and for some people it will be more difficult than for others. We all need to look after each other.

#### Graduation Assembly

On Friday, the Graduation Assembly for the class of 2019 provided an excellent opportunity for the whole school to congratulate our Year 12 students. It was a fitting tribute to a great group of students who, although small in number, have made a significant contribution to the life of SGHS. I would like to wish them all the best in their future endeavours and encourage them to come back and share their stories with us soon.

#### Year 6 into 7 Transition

Moving into High School can be a difficult stage in any young person's life and the staff at SGHS recognise this. We have put a considerable amount of time and energy into making sure that the next crop of Year 7 students are familiar with our school and know some of the people who will be looking after them. We are currently running a series of special transition days for students who will need extra support in order to comfortably make the move to SGHS next year. The Orientation Day for all new Year 7's will be held on Tuesday 3 December 2019, commencing at 9:00am in the hall. I am looking forward to catching up again with all of the new students and meeting their families.

## Remembrance Day



On Monday SGHS held a Remembrance Day Ceremony at school, led by two of our school leaders. School Captain Tiara and Vice Captain Patrick, along with a number of our SRC members also attended the service at the memorial in South Grafton. This service also saw the unveiling of plaques to commemorate Australia's involvement in various wars and peace keeping missions.



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# Diary Dates

## Monday 18 November

- Schools Spectacular
- Yr 10 exams
- Yr 9 Mindblank / headspace presentation
- Yr 11 Teen Mental Health First Aid course

## Tuesday 19 November

- School Spectacular
- Yr 9 exams
- Yr 6 into Yr 7 additional transition day
- Yr 11 Teen Mental Health First Aid course

## Wednesday 20 November

- Schools Spectacular

## Thursday 21 November

- School Spectacular
- Yr 9/10 exams
- CSI Information Evening 5.30 - 6.15pm

## Friday 22 November

- Schools Spectacular
- Yr 9 exams
- Yr 11 RRISK SCU Lismore
- Maths Olympics

## Monday 25 November

- Yr 10 Art Mural Workshop
- Yr 11 Teen Mental Health First Aid

## Tuesday 26 November

- Yr 10 Art Mural Workshop
- Yr 11 Teen Mental Health First Aid
- Yr 6 into Yr 7 additional transition day

## Wednesday 27 November

- Yr 10 Art Mural Workshop
- Big River public schools film festival

## Monday 2 December

- P&C Meeting in the Library at 5.30pm

# Wanted - Preloved Recorders

Mrs Kemmis is currently seeking your assistance in putting together a class set of recorders. If you have one (or more!) that is no longer used and you would be willing to part with, please see her in the English staffroom. The recorders will be sent to The Chanel School in Samoa to equip a music classroom.

The school, which Mr Widseth, one of our former English teachers, worked at for a number of years, has experienced recent hardship. A number of schools from the Clarence Valley have also generously donated textbooks and readers for the regeneration of the school's library.

## 2020 HSC

### YEAR 12 STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS OR DISABILITIES

The process has begun for students with special needs or disabilities to apply for special provisions during the 2020 HSC exams eg. reader/writer, rest breaks, small group supervision, food/drink required for medical reasons, etc. If there are any Year 12 students who wish to apply for Disability Provisions for the HSC, please contact Ms Kinny, Ms McPherson or Ms Owens (Learning and Support Teachers) in the Library. In order to qualify, assessments and/or medical evidence are needed as well as marked assessment tasks and teacher comments. The school must submit all the required evidence to NESA by the end of Term 1 2020. After that time, other applications may be submitted as issues arise.

## Fees

Have you paid your school fees? SGHS would appreciate payments at your earliest convenience. The office accepts cash, eftpos and direct deposit. Direct deposit payments may be made via the school's website by clicking on the link on the top of the home page.

The screenshot shows the top portion of the South Grafton High School website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'MAKE A PAYMENT', 'ENROLMENT', 'NEWS', 'NEWSLETTER', 'EVENTS', and 'GALLERY'. Below this is the school's logo, a crest featuring a lion and a cross, with the text 'South Grafton High School' and 'Excellence and Innovation'. Contact information includes the phone number '02 6642 1466' and the email 'stgrafton-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au'. A secondary navigation bar contains links for 'About our school', 'Supporting our students', 'Learning at our school', 'Moodle Online Learning', 'Sentral', and 'Contact us'. The main content area features a large image of students and a green box with the text: 'Welcome to our school. We are an inclusive, responsive and supportive school environment, aiming for excellence and innovation.'

# FoodTechnology

Year 9/10 food technology caters for a children's party.



# Environment Committee



Last term a group of students formed an Environment Committee at South Grafton High School. They call themselves the 'Make a Change Club'. The club meets every Thursday lunchtime to come up with ideas to help both the school environment and the local community environment. Today they organised a clean up in area surrounding the back of the school. 28 students from Year 7-9 volunteered their time. They did an amazing job collecting a trailer load of rubbish. Well done to the students who are making a change for the better.



# Students Help RFS

As the fires impacted all of us in many ways, our Support Unit students and staff who could attend school decided to give back to those who were doing so much to help all of us.

On Monday we researched recipes that met the criteria needed by the firefighters: high energy, high protein, non-bulky and easily stored. We came up with some old fashioned tried and tested recipes and some new ones: raspberry slice, chocolate coconut slice, chocolate chip cookies, milo balls, peanut butter and honey balls, high protein trail mix balls, oatmeal and honey bars and savoury scrolls. On Tuesday morning bags and bags of ingredients donated by the teachers and additional kitchen appliances, containers and utensils arrived to assist with the efforts. After 4 hours of cooking we made hundreds of individual items with both the ED Unit and the Tute Centre ovens going through the day despite the almost 40 degree heat.

During period 5 we delivered the food to the RFS staging area at the hockey fields where we met dozens and dozens of volunteers about to head out. They were extremely gracious in accepting our food when, in reality, we wanted to thank them for what they had done for us...and just to make us feel even better, as we walked away afterwards we could hear the cheers and moans of delight as the firefighters helped themselves to what we had left them.

It was such a wonderful feeling to be able to help the people who have given their all to help us.



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## SCHOOL LEAVER EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS

**Finishing School? Looking for new experiences, skills & work?**

The CHES Connect School Leaver Employment Supports (SLES) helps Year 12 School leavers in the Coffs Harbour area who are NDIS eligible gain the skills needed to transition into employment.

- Identifying Key Skills & Goals
- Building Capacity & Life Skills for Independence
- Job Readiness Skills
- Vocational Assessment
- Work Experience & Placement

*Finishing school before year 12? Our Find a Job, Keep a Job service can help you!*

Local to the Clarence Valley region

**CHES Connect**

1800 899 017

[www.chesconnect.org.au](http://www.chesconnect.org.au)



Please support those businesses that support our school  
If your business would like to support our school give us a call on 0266421466

# Community Notice Board



The poster for Code Space Summer School features a vibrant blue and yellow circular design. At the top left is the logo for csesoc @OHPLUB. The central text reads 'code\_space' in a large, bold, blue font, with 'SUMMER SCHOOL' underneath. Surrounding this central text are various programming and technology topics: 'Python', 'Game Dev', 'Arduino', 'VR', and 'Security'. There are also binary code snippets like '001011', '111011', and '11'. At the bottom, it says '6th to 10th January at UNSW' and 'FREE!'. A QR code and the text 'Apply Now!' are in the bottom right corner, along with the URL 'bit.ly/ccss2020'.

csesoc @OHPLUB

Python Game Dev Arduino

VR Security

code\_space

SUMMER SCHOOL

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Apply Now!

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## STUDENT EXCHANGE

Opportunities exist for students and their families to experience a foreign culture firsthand, be exposed to a language at home, develop friendships that last a lifetime, rediscover and share the beauty of Australia.

In January, May, July & August next year we will be welcoming a new group of exchange students from all over the world. These students are really excited to live with an Aussie host family, attend a local school for 3, 5 or 10 months and live like a local. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student and have a truly rewarding experience for the whole family.

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The poster for Songwriting Essentials Workshop has a dark background with a guitar and headphones. The text is in white and orange. It includes the Clarence Valley Conservatorium logo and the title 'SONGWRITING ESSENTIALS WORKSHOP'. The dates '23 & 30 NOVEMBER 2019' and time '10:00am-4:00pm' are listed. A paragraph describes the workshop and its facilitators. The NSW Government logo is in the bottom right corner.

CLARENCE VALLEY CONSERVATORIUM

SONGWRITING ESSENTIALS

WORKSHOP

23 & 30 NOVEMBER 2019

10:00am-4:00pm

The Clarence Valley Conservatorium is excited to present Songwriting Essentials facilitated by Luke Gough (Guitar/ drum/ production/ composition) and Wesley Chegwidan (Vocals/ percussion/ composition)

NSW GOVERNMENT

**BOOK NOW**

Workshop cost is \$50  
Registration Forms available from our office at 8 Villiers Street or at [www.cvcon.com.au](http://www.cvcon.com.au)



## On the road 65Plus

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### GRAFTON

Tuesday 29th November @ 10.00am

Grafton Greyhound Track  
Ground Floor, Cranworth St, Grafton

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- Safer driving habits
- Pedestrian safety
- Driver licensing at 75/85 years
- Mobility scooters
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open  
minds  
and  
hearts



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2019



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# EVER THOUGHT OF A CAREER IN ELECTROTECHNOLOGY?

Are you keen to undertake a 5 week course, 3 days per week with the view to applying for a full time Apprenticeship at the end?

### COURSE SNAPSHOT

Location: TAFE NSW, Grafton Campus, 7 Clarence Street, Grafton NSW 2460

Course: Statement of Attainment for CPR, White Card and 3 trade units that can be credit transferred towards either the UEE30811 and/or UEE32211 qualification.

Cost: Fully Government Subsidised Student training programs

Delivery: Commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November until Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December for 3 days per week over five weeks.  
Delivery of Career Pathway Skills at TAFE NSW Grafton Campus Monday 8:30 to 3:30pm  
Delivery of Electrotechnology units at TAFE NSW Grafton Campus Tuesday and Wednesday 8:00 to 4:00pm.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

You will undertake nationally accredited units of competency

- Apply Occupational Health and Safety regulations, codes and practices in the workplace
- Fabricate, assemble and dismantle utilities industry components
- Prepare to work safely in the construction industry

- Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- Solve problems in ELV single phase circuits

### You will be equipped with:

- A White Card (also known as a General Construction Induction Card - mandatory in Australia to work on a construction site)

### You will understand

- Workplace expectations in the commercial construction sector

### You will know how to

- Communicate, behave and work safely and effectively on a construction site And be ready to Apply for a full time position in Electrotechnology as an apprentice

### Places in this course are limited.

### REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

For more information

Phone: (02) 66 204761  
Website: [tafensw.edu.au](http://tafensw.edu.au)

**CONTACT US TODAY!**



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