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.











Diary Dates

Monday 18 November

- Schools Spectacular
- Yr 10 exams
- Yr 9 Mindblank / headspace presentation
- Yr 11Teen 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.



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.



Businesses We Love!

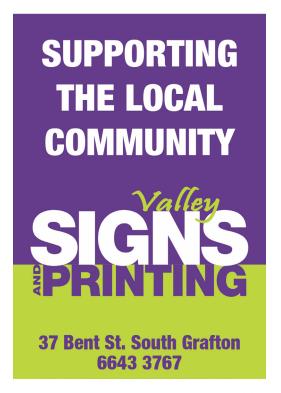








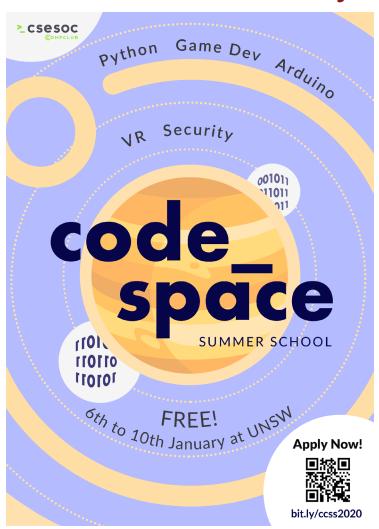
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Please support those businesses that support our school If your business would like to support our school give us a call on 0266421466

Community Notice Board

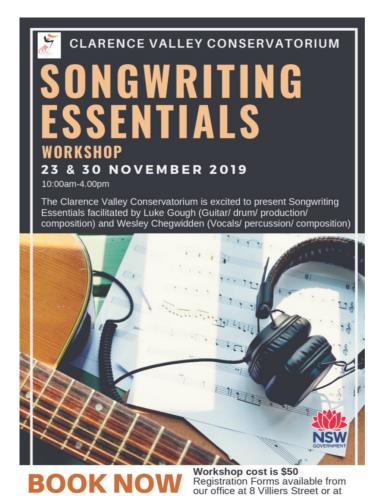


STUDENT EXCHANGE

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. Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd

PO Box 1420, Mona Vale NSW 1660 Australia T: (02) 9997 0700 F: (02) 9997 0701 W: www.studentexchange.org.au



www.cvcon.com.au



GRAFTON

Tuesday 29th November @ 10.00am

Grafton Greyhound Track
Ground Floor, Cranworth St. Grafton

Road Safety for Older Road Users - Free Workshops

Offering advice & safety tips to help older road users make safer choices. Topics include

- Safer driving habits
- Pedestrian safety
- Driver licensing at 75/85 years
 Mobility scooters
- How health changes can affect our abilities as road users

For enquiries, or to register your attendance
Email: roadsafety@joblinkplus.com.au or call 02 6764 6688





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20 minutes every 2 years could save your life

For women aged 50-74 years breastscreen.nsw.gov.au

BE AMBITIOUS

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 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
- · Solve problems in ELV single path 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

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 for more information

(02) 66 204761 Website: tafensw.edu.au

COURSE SNAPSHOT

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

White Card and 3 trade units that can be UEE30811 and/or UEE32211 qualification.

Cost: Fully Government Subsidised Student training programs

Delivery: Commencing Monday 4th November until Wednesday 4th December for 3 days per

until Wednesday 4th December for 3 days per week over fire 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.

CONTACT US TODAY!

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