

Newsletter

SOUTH GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL

Term 3, Week 8, 2019

From the Principal's Desk

SRC Induction Assembly

This week the SRC for 2020 were inducted and the new school captains were announced. I would like to share with you some of my speech from the assembly. Every culture, community, state and country need strong leaders. People who are not only prepared to roll their sleeves up and help others in times of need but people who have integrity, compassion and a strong moral compass. At our school, the SRC are our student leaders and they have an important role to play in helping to shape the future of SGHS.

To the current SRC members, I would like to thank you for your contribution to the life of our school. On many occasions you have been the public face of SGHS, representing us with pride and enthusiasm. As a group, you have shown yourselves to be reliable leaders and you have carried the voice of your peers into discussions about ways in which we can improve our school. I would also like to thank Mr Nathan Martin for all of the work that he does behind the scenes. In particular, the work he does encouraging students to develop their leadership potential. In addition to this, I know that the students are particularly grateful for his work on the school uniform and organising socials.

To the newly elected members of the SRC, I would like to extend my congratulations. Your peers have decided that they want you to be their voice for the next 12 months. They are trusting you to put your best foot forward and to be positive role models. This is an honour and a privilege that comes with great responsibility.

As members of the SRC you will be called upon to help organise community events, raise money for charities and to represent the school on ANZAC Day. Most importantly, you will be the interface between the school and its students. I am relying on you to connect with your peers, to work together to create a successful learning environment and to contribute to the development of SGHS as a place that supports its students to be strong, confident, individuals, capable of contributing to the wider community.

This will be a combined effort. Although you are not all members of the SRC, you are all members of South High and you have a responsibility to contribute positively to the growth and development of our school. In many ways you are all leaders. You are all capable of showing initiative and you are all capable of being positive role models. Your actions speak louder than words and the relationships you form with each other can have a profound effect on your wellbeing.

So, look after each other, stand tall, and wear your uniform with pride. You are all students of SGHS and you are all capable of achieving great things.



New school captains

On Wednesday the 2020 SRC inductions took place, which included the announcements of the school captains and vice-captains for 2020.

Levin Shillam was inducted as Male School Captain, Tiara Dekker was elected as Female School Captain, Patrick Reilly was inducted as Male Vice-Captain, while Isabelle Lancaster was announced as Female Vice-Captain.

In total 43 students were inducted across all year groups. The SGHS SRC has a proud tradition of raising funds and creating awareness for various ventures.

In addition to the announcement of the new SRC, the first ever induction of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Organisation (ASO) executive was held. The ASO is new to SGHS and follows on from the successful SLIKK program that has previously been in the school. The ASO will give ATSI students a voice in the school. Damon Kirby was inducted as male President, with Moesha Cameron inducted as female Vice President. Jamal Laurie and Edyn Nipps will be Vice Presidents, while Cate Duroux will be the ASO secretary.

The new SRC and ASO will begin in Term 4 this year.

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Diary Dates

Monday 16th September

- Preliminary exams continue until 20 September
- SWELL Sculpture Excursion Gold Coast
- Winds of Joy Program Excursion, Coffs Harbour
- English ICAS Competition

Tuesday 17th September

- SWELL Sculpture Excursion Gold Coast

Wednesday 18th September

- SWELL Sculpture Excursion Gold Coast

Thursday 19th September

Friday 20th September

Monday 23 September

Tuesday 24 September

- Yr 7 Vaccinations

Wednesday 25 September

- Yr 12 Excursion

Thursday 26 September

Friday 27 September

- CSI 2020 Online Entry Test
- Yr 12 reports to be handed out
- LAST DAY TERM 3

Monday 14th October

- ALL STAFF AND STUDENTS return for Term 4

Thursday 17 October

- HSC EXAMS 17 October - 11 November

Year 11 Exams

Throughout this week and into next our Year 11 students are completing their Preliminary exams which not only form part of their Year 11 assessment program, but are also valuable practice for their HSC. In just 4 weeks these students will move on to the HSC course.



Trivia for Keanu

TRIVIA WITH A TWIST FUNDRAISING EVENING

Bailey and Keanu invite the community to join them for a night of family fun!



Bailey Bathgate and Keanu Staader

The boys have been selected to be part of the West Ham United Football Academy to travel to the UK to be part of an International Football Tour later in the year.

All funds from the Trivia night will help Bailey and Keanu get to the UK!

WHEN – FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2019

TIME – 7PM

WHERE – SOUTH GRAFTON BOWLING CLUB (1 Wharf Street)

COST – \$20 per person - Tables of 8 (includes supper)

WHAT TO EXPECT- BYO nibbles, bar will be open for drinks, raffles, games, prizes and laughter

BOOK YOUR TABLE BY contacting Sarah 0431852179 (SMS is great!) or sarahjanebathgate@gmail.com by Wednesday 18th September 2019

SRC Members 2020



Year 11 VET Hospitality



As part of their Vocational Education and Training Hospitality Course our Year 11 class has been opening a 'cafe' twice per week, serving delicious food and drinks for our students and staff. Each week they will prepare and serve out of the D4 kitchen. Students are welcome to the room during lunch time to purchase.



Daily Examiner Football

SGHS Girls open league tag team defeated McAuley Catholic College last week. SGHS girls will play Grafton High in the final next Wednesday, 18th September at the Redmen's Field at 6:20pm.

Please come and support our girls as it will be a great game. Good luck girls.

Investigating Science

On Tuesday September 10th, the Year 10 Investigating Science class went to Woolgoolga rock platform to examine the diversity and abundance of rocky shore organisms to teach us about using practical science in the field.

We recorded both biotic and abiotic data using methods such as interrupted belt transects, random quadrat observations, and freelance observations, in conjunction with various scientific tools that helped us ensure we wrote an accurate report.

Quadrats are used to estimate the abundance of a particular organism in an area. Transects are straight lines across an area, noting the types of organisms that are present and plotting their position along this line. Freelance observations involve making note of any organisms that you may find, while quadrats and transects are used more specifically to estimate the population of a given species in a certain area.

We found many interesting and unusual creatures during our observations, notably including sea urchins, crabs, and sea hares.

Thank you to Mr Worrell and Mr Blundell for organising





Clontarf Gagu News

Continuing on from last Wednesday's employment forum, our young men in Year 12 played a few rounds of paint ball before setting up camp for the night at Point Plomer, which is located North of Port Macquarie.

There were Year 12 lads from the other Academies in our region from schools including Chatham, Port Macquarie, Kempsey, Melville & Orara High. After dinner that evening the lads sat around the camp fire with Uncle John Kelly and listened to his story. The next morning before breakfast they got into some intense ultimate frisbee and touch football on the beach. After breakfast they stepped the intensity down and went fishing before packing up and heading home.

Great numbers at Tuesday training with 17 young men waking up early and getting some exercise before heading off to class. They had a game of AFL on the bottom oval which was new for some which was followed with a big feed of bacon and eggs.

Our Wednesday afternoon activity hit a new record with 18 young men staying back after the bell to a feed of afternoon tea and a few games of capture the flag. The lads broke up into even teams of East and West, going into battle to see who would become the CHAMPS of getting the flag (a Clontarf footy).

Upcoming Events for the Clontarf Academy:

Week 9

- Tuesday morning training
- Year 7 & 8 Headspace visit on Wednesday
- Year 7 & 8 Oztag camp at South West Rocks

Week 10

- Attendance Rewards Day at Station Creek on Thursday



State Choir

Year 11 student, Isabelle Lancaster has just returned from Sydney where she represented the school with the NSW State Choir. Isabelle spent two days in rehearsals before performing at the Opera House.

Music Performance Projects Officer, Liz Scott, commented that “what the students were able to achieve in two days of intensive rehearsal was very impressive” and that all performers “should all be very proud of yourselves”. Well done, Issy!



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Five diverse young people (three women and two men) are smiling and standing in front of a light-colored brick wall. One woman is holding a tablet, and another is holding a blue folder.

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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

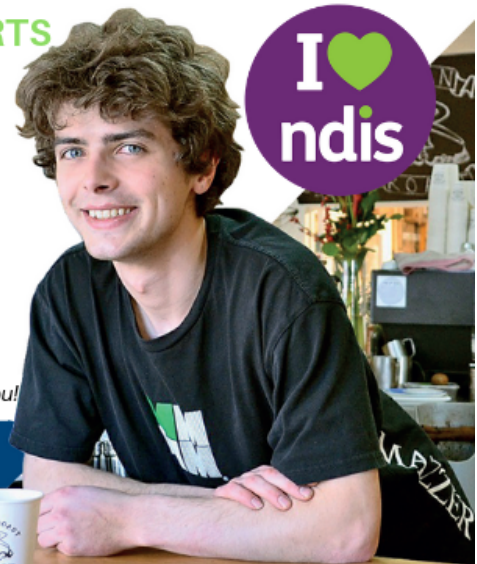
Finishing school before year 12? Our Find a Job, Keep a Job service can help you!

Local to the Clarence Valley region

CHES Connect

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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



OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

SCREEN PRINTING FOR TEENS

With local Artist Malcolm King from King Studio

Teens will learn how to use screen printing for individual creativity. Students will make their own unique design & learn how to prepare it for screen and print an artwork to take home and hang on their wall.

Wednesday 2nd October 9:30 - 12:30

- Grafton Regional Gallery: 158 Fitzroy Street Grafton
 - Cost: \$25, includes canvas Boards, art paper & other materials
 - Bring morning tea and a drink
 - Bookings essential via Eventbrite
- https://screenprintingteens_schholwshop.eventbrite.com.au



Rural Aid

Rural Aid is now assisting in our region.

•If you are on a farm (it doesn't matter how big) and have an ABN or a PIC Number you can access this assistance immediately.

•WATER, STOCK FEED, FARM HELP, \$500 CASH, \$1500.00 bill pay, COUNSELLING.

•Please don't suffer in silence as there are people who can help.

•This is not a hand out it is a hand up.

•There is minimal paper work to access this funding if you need help to fill it out ask me.

•This group is a not for profit national group funded by the people of Australia.

•Clarence Valley Council can also wave rates in time of hardship, you have to ask.

•Does Clarence Valley Council need a DROUGHT POLICY? YES or NO?

•Would it help if you could access a water point in Grafton to fill up your water containers FREE?

Here is the link

<https://www.ruralaid.org.au/about-us/>

If you ring over the weekend you can leave a message Phone: 1300 327 624



Yamba Nippers Proficiency/Information Day

Sept 15th 12pm to 2pm

Or

Sept 22nd 10am- 12pm

at Yamba SLSC Main Beach

All nippers must attend ONE of these days

to complete their swim proficiency in the beach pool – bring swimmers, goggles etc.

Yamba Nippers is for Under 7's to Under 14's

(To be eligible for Under 7's you must have turned 6 between Oct 1st 2018 and Sept 30th 2019)

For all membership enquiries please contact office@yambaslsc.com.au

Or log on to <https://join.sls.com.au> and join now

Follow us - Yamba Nippers- on Facebook for all the season updates

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Play Touch Football

**U9'S MINI,
U12'S MOD,
U15'S TEEN,
MIXED OPEN**

**GRAFTON SUMMER
TOUCH FOOTY**

Where: Jabour Park

When: Wednesday

Registrations: Online

Begins: 16th October

- Juniors \$70
(competition 10 weeks, shirt provided)
- Seniors \$95
(competition 20 weeks)

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