

Newsletter

SOUTH GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL

Term 3, Week 9, 2019

From the Principal's Desk

Farewell to Year 12

I thought I would take the opportunity to farewell Year 12 this week, whilst they still have one week of school remaining. Mr McKee has organised some special activities for them which will take place on Thursday and Friday next week. However, the group has decided to wait until after they finish their HSC exams to have their final assembly. This will mean that the assembly will be on the morning of Friday 15 November and the Formal Graduation Dinner will be in the evening. We are hoping that this will make the whole day a memorable event for the students and their families.

Year 11 Exams

As one group of students finishes, another group begins and the current Year 11's are just finishing their final exams this week. Stepping up into the role of a Year 12 student can be both an exciting and daunting experience. The element of excitement comes from knowing that there is light at the end of the tunnel. However, the uncertainty of what lies beyond can be somewhat daunting. At SGHS, we are fortunate to have a team of teachers and support staff who understand this transition and have a proven record of successfully helping students through the process. I am confident that as we work together over the next 12 months, these students will achieve things they never thought possible and be ready to take their place in the community as active citizens.

Student Toilets

After almost two terms, both the boys' and the girls' toilets have been completely refurbished. This has been a major project for our school and I would like to thank all of the students and staff for their patience and consideration during the work. The finished facilities are excellent and very much appreciated by the students.

Congratulations Rhani

Year 7 student, Rahni McGrath, has just returned from representing North Coast at the NSWCHS Tennis Championships. The North Coast team were very impressive at the Championships, winning all their ties, claiming a gold medal! Rhani won all her singles and doubles games at the Championships. The fact that Rahni was able to make this open team, despite only being in Year 7 is a huge accomplishment. What is more impressive is that Rahni was named in the NSWCHSSA Girls Tennis Merit Team!



Diary Dates

Monday 23 September

- Zone Debating Finals

Tuesday 24 September

- Yr 7 Vaccinations
- Yr 10 Vaccination catchups

Wednesday 25 September

- SRC Planning Day

Thursday 26 September

- Yr 12 activities
- STELLAR Yr 10 Marine Science Day
- Aboriginal Girls Program "night in"

Friday 27 September

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

TERM 4

Monday 14th October

- ALL STAFF AND STUDENTS return for Term 4

Thursday 17 October

- HSC EXAMS 17 October - 11 November

Tuesday 22 October

- Sculpture with Andrew Shillam

Friday 25 October

- Ebor Trout Fishing

Year 7 Vaccinations

Vaccinations will be held at school on Tuesday 24th September, in the school library. This will predominantly involve Year 7 students receiving their 2nd dose of Gardasil.

Year 10 Catchups

Catch up vaccinations for the Meningococcal vaccine for Year 10 will be held at school on Tuesday 24th September, in the school library.

Additional Transition

Moving from primary to high school is a big transition. It can be a time full of fun, excitement and new experiences, but it can also be challenging or worrying for many children. The transition to high school is sometimes more challenging for children with additional needs. It is important to ensure that each child and their family is adequately prepared for the change and can get the information required. In order to assist the student's transition to high school, South Grafton High has planned additional transition days during Term four. These additional days are designed to support students and ensure they have access to a positive and effective transition in an inclusive, high quality educational setting. The additional transition days will begin on Tuesday 12th November (Term 4 Week 5) and will continue on Tuesday 19th November and Tuesday 26th November gradually increasing the time spent at SGHS. If you feel that your child would benefit from the additional transition days please speak to your primary school's principal or classroom teacher for more information.



The poster for Schools Spectacular 2019 features a collage of images including the South Grafton High School crest, a group photo of students in red robes, and a close-up of a student's face. The text on the poster provides details about the School Spectacular Golf Fundraiser.

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR 2019

SCHOOL SPECTACULAR GOLF FUNDRAISER

WHEN: Friday 27th September
Students Tee off 11:00am
Staff Tee off 3:00pm

WHERE: Grafton Golf Club

WHAT: 2 PERSON AMBROSE 9 HOLE FUNDRAISER FOR STUDENTS PERFORMING AT SCHOOL SPECTACULAR 2019

FOR MORE INFO OR WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP PLEASE GO TO PE STAFF ROOM OR CULTURE CENTRE

PRICE

	PRICE
Staff	\$20
Students	\$10
Cost will include a sausage sizzle	

NSW CHS Athletic Championships

Recently 11 students from SGHS competed in the NSW CHS Athletic Championships in Sydney. All students participated with pride and courage, coming away with some impressive results.

Monica Waters- 14th- 13 Year Olds 100 Metre, 15th- 13 Year Olds 200 Metre. Koopah Walters- 12th- 12 Year Olds 100 Metre. Isaac Barker- 5th- 14 Year Olds 100 Metre, 7th- 14 Year Olds 200 Metre. Jamal Laurie- 7th- 15 Year Olds 100 Metre, 14th- 15 Year Olds 200 Metre, 18th- 15 Year Olds High Jump.

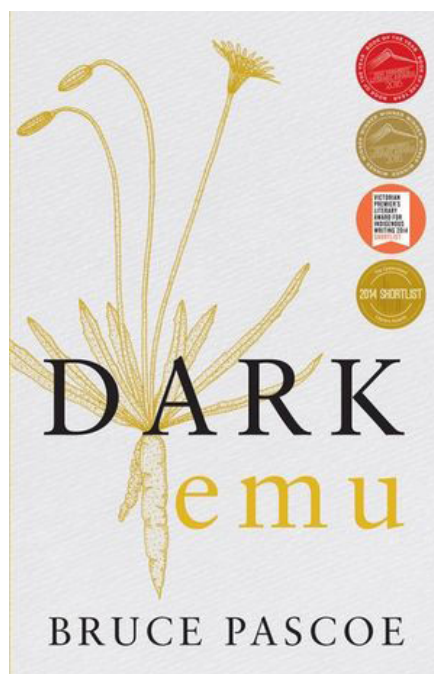


Book of the Week

This weeks Book of the Week comes from Bruce Pascoe - Dark Emu. Dark Emu puts forward an argument for a reconsideration of the hunter-gatherer tag for pre-colonial Aboriginal Australians. The evidence insists that Aboriginal people right across the continent were using domesticated plants, sowing, harvesting, irrigating, and storing — behaviours inconsistent with the hunter-gatherer tag. Almost all the evidence in Dark Emu comes from the records and diaries of the Australian explorers, impeccable sources.

Dark Emu has won many awards including the Book of the Year in 2016 NSW Premier's Literary Awards and Indigenous Writer's Prize in the 2016 NSW Premier's Literary Awards.

This book is available from the Library in the New Books section.



SWELL Excursion

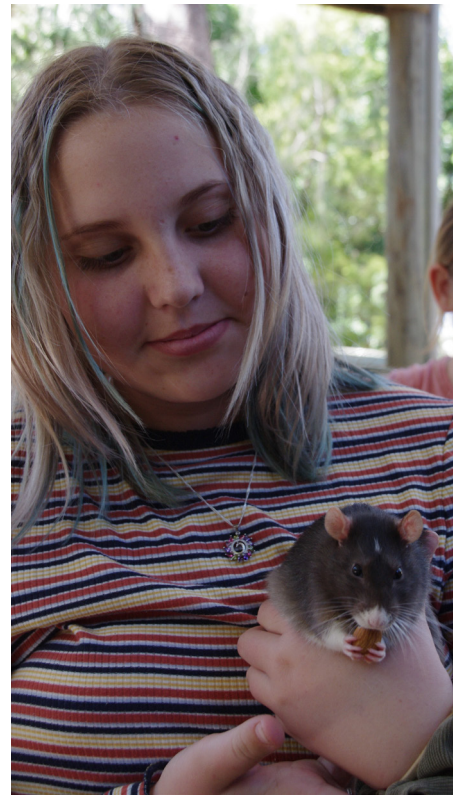
On 16th September, 50 art students set out to witness the Swell Art Exhibition on Currumbin Beach. The group had a short break at the Macadamia Castle where they experienced an animal show about reptiles.

From here they travelled to the Gold Coast for a spot of shopping and then onto the motel for the nights accommodation. Monday night they experienced the sculptures with light. Tuesday morning the group set out to the sculptures on the beach for a workshop with one of the exhibiting sculptors. Tuesday night was a crazy night at the bowling ally where everyone had a good time; however, Nathan Banks stole the show with his expertise at bowling.

Wednesday was an early start through to the Gallery of Modern Art in Brisbane. Here the students witnessed the work of Margaret Olley and Ben Quilty. The students were overwhelmed by the creativity of all the art works they saw and interacted with. Overall, it was a fantastic trip. We would like to thank Miss Ryan for organising the trip and Miss Vogt and Mr Neill for their time and patience.



SWELL Excursion



Winds of Joy Sailing

Last Monday 12 students, accompanied by Mr Barnier & Kirrily, travelled down to Coffs Harbour to board “Winds of Joy” for a sailing adventure. Even though the weather was rather windy and the sea a little rough, everyone enjoyed the experience. Chennai wrote “The best thing about the sailing day was when the big wave splashed against the boat. Mr Barnier and most of the kids got saturated. There were lots of dolphins and two whales. Thank you to all the teachers for organising the day. The crew were really nice. They told us all the rules before we got on the boat.”

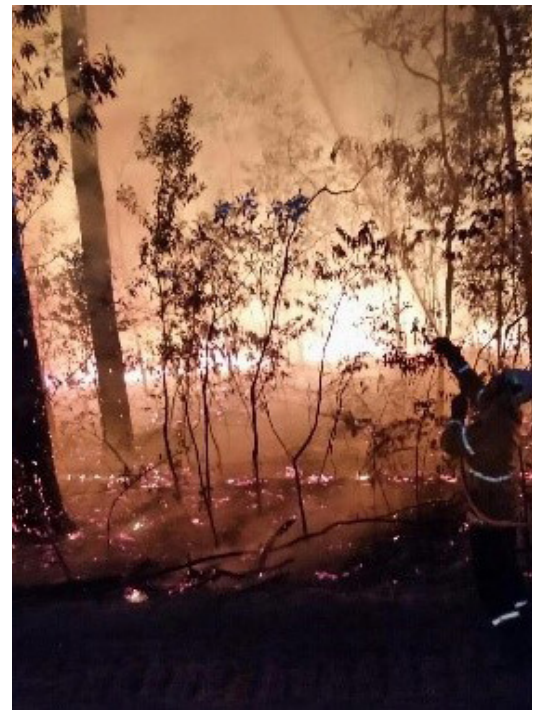


Fighting Fires with Laynae and Dayna

Shark Creek was one of the biggest fires we have attended since finishing our course in early November last year. The fire spread over 10,982 ha and started in late August. We were on both sides of the fire and there were two water bombers and five spot helicopters dropping water no further than ten metres away from us. The fire was moving through not only bush land, but into grass land and this made it go faster and threatening houses. We went into property, saving houses and livestock.

We also battled strong winds that were pushing the front of the fire faster than we could move. It was going into terrain where fire trucks couldn't access, threatening Angourie and Brooms head. We had to take days off school to help out and we were joined by people from as far as Uki, the Blue Mountains, Blacktown and all in between.

One day we were sent to Mount Ramornie to take out hot spots and to Whiteman Creek. On the way back from a seven hour shift we had to put out a car fire on Rogan's Bridge road. We spent a total of eight school days to help with Shark Creek and Lanitza. We were helping the communities get as many students back to school as possible and making sure residents were safe. We worked shifts of twelve hours each time and more on the weekends and did all this whilst still preparing for our HSC.



Careers

Applying for University

Universities Admission Centre (UAC) early bird application closes 30th September 2019. Apply online at www.uac.edu.au Click on "Undergraduate Study". The website will instruct you throughout the application. Cost is \$70.00. Students have been provided with UAC guides to help them through the process and to assist with course selections.

Queensland Tertiary Admission Centre (QTAC) closes 26th September 2019.

Early entry schemes are currently open and close in September 2019. Apply directly to Southern Cross University and the University of New England. Apply for many universities early entry schemes through the Student Recommendations Schemes (SRS) via UAC.



Information to help students, teachers and families to explore post schools options and careers.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Careers Advisory Service (CAS). At the top, there is a logo for CAS (Careers Advisory Service) and the NSW Government Education logo. Below the logos is a green navigation bar with links: Home, About us, Get the facts, Explore options, and Contact us. The main content area features a heading "Help with career ideas after your HSC?" followed by a grid of six options, each with a checkmark icon: university, college, traineeship/apprenticeship, TAFE, work, and other ideas. Below this grid is a photograph of five diverse young people (three women and two men) smiling and standing in front of a brick wall. One of the women is holding a blue folder.

Available all year round

www.careersadvisoryservice.com





SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR 2019

SCHOOL SPECTACULAR GOLF FUNDRAISER

WHEN:

Friday 27th September
Students Tee off 11:00am
Staff Tee off 3:00pm

WHERE:

Grafton Golf Club

WHAT:

2 PERSON AMBROSE 9 HOLE
FUNDRAISER FOR STUDENTS
PERFORMING AT SCHOOL
SPECTACULAR 2019

FOR MORE INFO OR WOULD LIKE TO
SIGN UP PLEASE GO TO PE STAFF
ROOM OR CULTURE CENTRE.

Staff
Students
Cost will include a sausage sizzle

PRICE

\$20
\$10

Businesses We Love!

**NO LOCK-IN
CONTRACTS
EVER!**

jetts
24 hour fitness

*Terms and conditions apply and are available at jetts.com.au

 **Bendigo Bank**

Good for
AND your
community

BUNNINGS
warehouse

**FIVE MILE
SMASH REPAIRS**



- ✓ Spray Painting
- ✓ Paintless Dent Removal
- ✓ Plastic Welding
- ✓ Light Mechanical Work
- ✓ Courtesy Car (conditions apply)

325 Armidale Road South Grafton
P 02 6642 3366 E smashmail@bigpond.com

**SUPPORTING
THE LOCAL
COMMUNITY**

Valley
**SIGNS
AND PRINTING**

**37 Bent St. South Grafton
6643 3767**

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

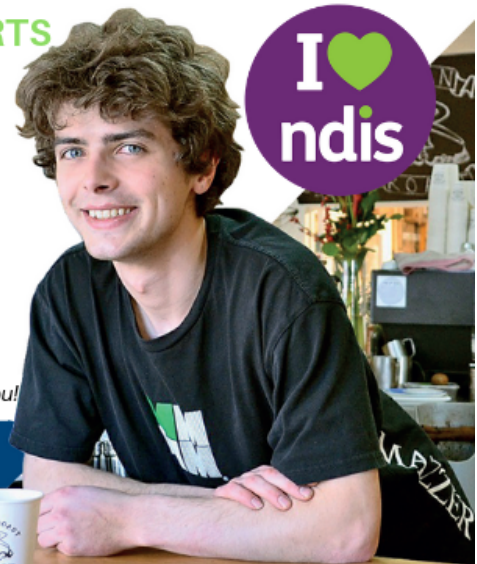
Finishing school before year 12? Our Find a Job, Keep a Job service can help you!

Local to the Clarence Valley region

CHES Connect

1800 899 017

www.chessconnect.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



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



Contact your closest Centre:



GRAFTON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

graftonunited@gmail.com

 Grafton United TAFE NSW Summer Football 2019



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

Minnie Water Wooli Surf Lifesaving Club

Nippers



Come and join in the fun at the beach

Join us for a *Come and Try Day*

**Sunday 22nd Sept. at Minnie Water Beach/Clubhouse
between 10 - 12am.**

Come and meet all those that help make Nippers such a focus for **fun, family, friendship** and are so supportive of our kids to be surf and beach safe, and confident.

**The first two Nipper Activity Days will be on
13 & 20 October**

For membership enquiries contact: Angela on 0421778072
or, follow us on our club's facebook page: Minnie Water Wooli Nippers,
or, log on to <https://joinsls.com.au>
and Join now.



Since 1995

Community Notice Board



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)

www.graftontouch.sportingpulse.net
graftontouch@gmail.com

GRAFTON TOUCH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Find us on: **facebook**

ACTIVE KIDS

PLAY NRL.COM

Relax
Escape
Experience




FIERCE FEMALE FARMER

Helping our local Inverell Farming Girlfriends stay strong.

2 Days

Saturday 16 to Sunday 17 November 2019

FIERCE FEMALE FARMERS FUN FUNDRAISER TRIP TO INVERELL

Ladies only
Weekend

Our way of giving back to our Farmers in this time of drought!

Shop 110 The Link
Grafton Shoppingworld
T 6643 1212

Email: enquiries@northlandcoaches.com.au

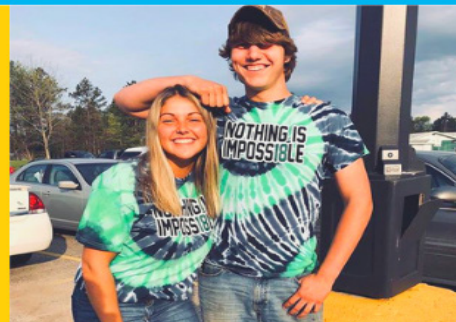
Correspondence to
PO Box 384, South Grafton NSW 2460
F 6643 1738



#GOALS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

- ? 2 X \$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR JULY-AUGUST 2020 SEMESTER AND YEAR EXCHANGE PROGRAMS TO COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE USA, FRANCE, ITALY AND NORWAY
- 👤 APPLICANTS MUST CURRENTLY BE IN YEARS 9-11
- 🎥 CREATE A VIDEO ANSWERING THE SCHOLARSHIP QUESTION AVAILABLE AT WEP.ORG.AU
- 🕒 DEADLINE OCTOBER 15, 2019

WEP STUDENT EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIPS!



👉 **WEP.ORG.AU**

💬 SMS 'EXCHANGE' TO 0428 246 633

📷 **WEPAUSTRALIA**