

Newsletter

SOUTH GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL

Term 4, Week 8, 2020

From the Principal's Desk

Year 6 into 7 Orientation Days

Due to the COVID restrictions that are still in place, we had to split our Year 6 into 7 orientation over two days. On Monday, we were graced with the wonderful students from our smaller feeder primary schools and on Tuesday, South Grafton Public students had their turn. It was lovely to have the opportunity to speak to the Year 6 students and their parents. I caught up with some of the Year 6 students during the day and they told me they were having a good time participating in the activities, finding their way around the school, catching up with old friends and making new ones. The days were also full of some very important information for parents and I would like to highlight a few of these points:

- Attendance – success at school starts with good attendance. Students who attend every class, every day, achieve the best growth in their learning. They also give themselves the best chance to make progress towards achieving the outcomes of the courses they are studying. It's Not Okay to Stay Away.
- Uniform – SGHS is a proud uniform wearing school and 2021 is the final year of our phase in period for the new style school uniform. Shoes must comply with WHS regulations and be fully enclosed with a sturdy upper.
- Homework – Students are encouraged to take advantage of the Homework Club which operates from the library after school each day. A small amount of time spent doing homework each day is far more beneficial than trying to do it all in one night. Our aim this year was to have every student complete every assessment task and I am happy to say that we made excellent progress towards achieving this.

Rewards Day

The PBL Rewards Day is Tuesday, 15 December. We have Years 7 heading off to the Big Banana and Years 8 and 10 going to Tree Tops Adventure Park. Both venues are in the Coffs Harbour area. Year 9 students are going to the Solitary Island Marine Park at Wooli and Year 11 are off to Movie World on the Gold Coast. Any students not attending these excursions should be at school.



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Diary Dates

Monday 7 December

- P&C Meeting, 5.30pm in the library
- Star Search, lunch time in the school hall
- Electrical TAFE course
- S.T.A.R. Annual Celebration

Tuesday 8 December

- Principal's morning tea for consistent attendance
- Star Search, lunch time in the school hall
- Electrical TAFE course
- Ab Studies - Elders visit P1-3 in the school library

Wednesday 9 December

- Electrical TAFE course

Thursday 10 December

- Maths Competition awards and afternoon tea
- Aboriginal Art Workshop
- Star Search, lunch time in the school hall

Monday 14 December

- SGHS Presentation Day 9.30 am - 11.00 am

Tuesday 15 December

- Yrs 7 - 11 Rewards Day

Wednesday 16 December

- Last day of school for students

Daily - A reminder that 'Healthy Breakfast' is available for all students from 8.00 am in the hall

Need to collect your child early from school?

What you need to do:

- Send a note with your child explaining the reason for early departure
- Your child is to hand the note to the office when they arrive at school
- A leave pass will be issued
- The leave pass is to be shown to the teacher to allow the student to leave class
- The student will then show this leave pass to the office on their way out
- Alternatively, a phone call to the school as soon as possible would be appreciated

What do I do if I'm sick at school?

What you need to do:

- Let your teacher know that you feel sick
- Your teacher will write you a note to present to sick bay
- The office will either call your parents/carers to take you home or you will have 15 minutes rest time and then return to class

School Website

Our school website is where you can find information related to how our school operates including policies and procedures. For access to day-to-day information, students and parents should refer to the Sentral Parent and Student Portal and/or our school Facebook page. SGHS Website <https://sthgraston-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Sentral Parent and Student Portal <https://web2.sthgraston-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal2/#!/login>
SGHS Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/southgrastonhighschoolofficial/>

Helpful Contacts

Kids Helpline Official: 1800 55 1800.

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467.

<https://www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au/>

Headspace: 1800 650 890. <https://headspace.org.au/>

Lifeline: 13 11 14. <https://www.lifeline.org.au/>

Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636.

<https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>

SGHS Dance Ensemble

Our school's Dance Ensemble has been working hard during sport time this term to put together a routine. They have created and rehearsed a hip-hop dance to showcase at our upcoming Presentation Day on Monday 14 December 2020. The students have enjoyed being able to work together and to have the opportunity to perform again this term.



League Tag

On Friday 27 November a SGHS contingent comprising almost 60 students travelled to Coffs Harbour for the NRL 14's and 16's Girls and Boys League Tag Competitions. SGHS entered a team in every division and the 16's Girls and 14's Boys went through undefeated on the day.

Year 11 Sports Coaching students managed and coached the teams, all of which tasted victory on the day. The behaviour and sportsmanship of the SGHS students was exemplary and it was great to see so many students representing SGHS, some for the first time, whilst others are quickly approaching 50 test caps.



Under 14 Girls Cricket

SGHS girls cricket team was defeated by Coffs Harbour High School in the second round of the knock-out competition. South won the toss and sent the Coffs Harbour team into bat. Coffs Harbour scored 99 runs with the loss of 6 wickets. The best bowlers for South were Caitlin Amos - 3 wickets for 5 runs, Esther Barker - 1 wicket for 25 runs, Hayley Robertson - 0 wickets for 21 runs, and other bowlers were Chloe Russell, Marliiya Laurie, Claire and Lilly Patterson. South Grafton fell 14 runs short of the 99 runs. The best batters for South were Rahni McGrath - 22 runs, Caitlin Amos - 23 rns, Esther Barker - 6 runs, Madison Pigg - 3 runs, Chelsea Berry - 3 runs, not out and Jade Middlebosch - 4 runs. Well done girls - looking forward to next year's cricket.



Maths Olympics

On Friday 20 November 2020, students in Year 7 competed in the annual SGHS Maths Olympics. Students participated in a range of activities from Escape Rooms, Building Balloon Skyscrapers and solving WhoDunnit? Cluedo-type mysteries. Out of the 10 teams that competed:

First Place: Esther Barker, Emma Lawson, Satriya Pope

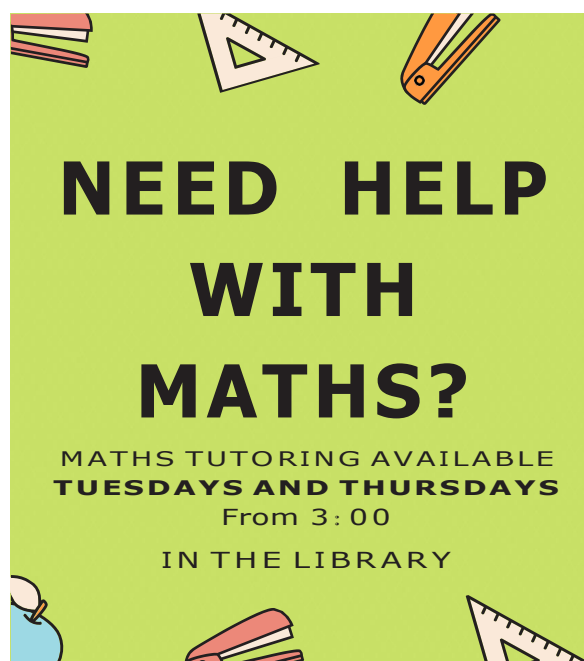
Second Place: Sebastian Cox, Chelsea Berry, Blake McPhee

Third Place: Emily Barrett, Charlotte Williams, Claire Skinner

Teamwork Award: Caitlin Amos; Hayley Robertson; Tayla Denem; Jade Middelbosch

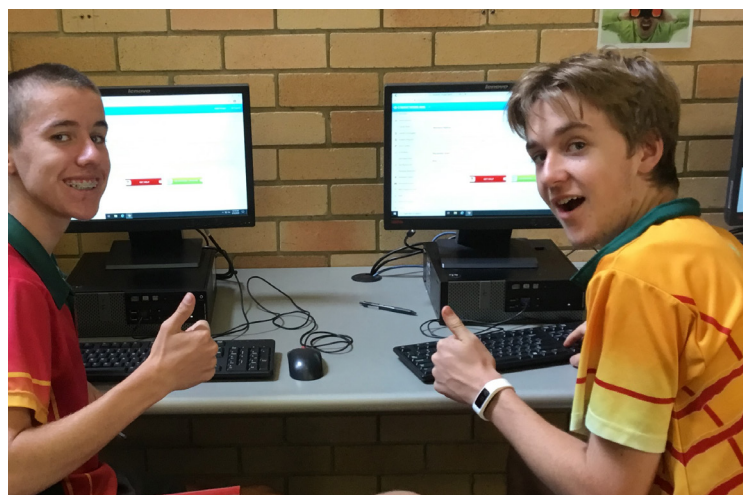


Congratulations to all involved!



Year 10 Careers Education

Our fortnightly Year 10 Careers Education lessons are starting to come to an end for the year. The Year 10 students have been working hard on their career development and investigating possible future career pathways. This has included using our SGHS website to develop and complete a resume, cover letter, USI and Work Safety Certificates. We have spent a lot of time on HSC subject selections and goal setting for the next couple of years. Many of the students have engaged in work experience, the TAFE YES Program and have enrolled for the Southern Cross University Head Start Program. We have had career presentations from the Australian Defence Force and Individual Placement Support Services, and many of our Year 10 students have gained casual employment and a School Based Traineeship/Apprenticeship.



Artworks On Show



Yr 10 Sculpture Workshop



Year 10 Visual Arts students were lucky to be guided with sculptural ideas and building techniques by our local sculptor Andrew Shillam. The two day workshop was extremely rewarding and engaging for the students who attended.



Construction Course

Novaskill – Construction Pre-Apprenticeship Course (EPPP – Pilot 8)

A total of 14 students from the four Grafton Cluster EPPP schools, including five students from South Grafton High School, have been attending a Smart and Skilled Construction Pre-Apprenticeship training course at Grafton over the past few weeks. The course has been conducted at South Grafton High School, using the Trade Skills Centre facilities.



Students have been developing skills and knowledge to demonstrate competencies in the national recognised units of 'Apply OHS requirements and procedures in the construction industry', 'Carry out measurements and calculations', 'Read and interpret plans and specifications' & 'Conduct workshop communications'. These units contribute to the Certificate II in Construction Pathways qualification.

The course includes 9 days of training and assessment plus 1 day of Careers development including mock interviews, industry aptitude testing, and developing a resume. All students have been aligned with an industry employer from the trade of their interest to undertake 5 days of industry learning and work experience next week.



Other areas of skill development during the course include team work, time management, leadership, planning, use of technology in the industry, and networking with students from other schools and employers. Guest speakers from the construction industry were also on hand to discuss training, apprenticeships and what to expect as a new young employee/worker.

SGHS student Julia Forge has been enjoying the course over the past few weeks.

"It's been so much fun, I've learnt about levelling and what kinds of brick to use," Julia said.

Julia said she wanted to do the course for the experience, and she has already applied for two apprenticeships.

"It will definitely help me with future jobs, it already has," Julia said.

The Construction Course has been offered to school students for free as part of the NSW Department of Education Educational Pathways Pilot Program (EPPP) operating at SGHS. On completion of the training, students will undertake an evaluation survey to further improve the training in future years.

Assessments at a Glance

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Week	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12 2021
Term 4 2020						
Week 8	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	Ancient History CaFS Industrial Tech Legal Studies PDHPE Physics SLR
Week 9	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	English Advanced English Standard English Studies Maths Advanced Maths Standard 2 Maths Standard 1
Week 10	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	History Extension

Community News

KAITYLYN'S STARLIGHT TUTORING

Maths, Reading and Creative Arts Tutoring. If you would like to know more about Kaitlyn's, services please feel free to call her on 0458 753 139.



THE UNIT is a Technology Club where high functioning kids on the Autism Spectrum can explore their technology interests at their own pace in a safe environment, with support from professional I.T. mentors.

(No diagnosis or referral required)

THE UNIT is not a classroom. THE UNIT provides a social venue where kids can blend in, be understood and not be judged.

2-Hour Sessions each Saturday.

New School of Arts, South Grafton.

For ages 9 to 17

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(NDIS and 'Creative Kids Voucher' friendly)



Book online or call 13 20 50



**7 Sep – 17 Dec
2020**

We recommend women aged 50 – 74 have a mammogram every two years.
Book your free mammogram online at book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au or call 13 20 50.