

# Newsletter

## SOUTH GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL

Term 4, Week 1, 2019

### From the Principal's Desk

#### Community spirit

The recent bushfires in our area have been nothing short of devastating and have impacted on many of the students at SGHS. However, our community spirit has remained strong and I have been impressed by the resilience of the students, the kindness and generosity of families who were not affected and the willingness of complete strangers to lend a hand. It is important that we continue to foster our community spirit over the coming months so, if you feel that you or your family need any sort of support, please contact the school and we can help you to access that support.

#### HSC has started

Although our cohort of HSC candidates this year is relatively small, they are part of the 75,000 students who have begun their exams this week. In total, there are 123 written exams which will be undertaken in 750 exam centres. Each exam is reviewed at least six times before more than 700,000 exam papers are printed. I know that all of the staff at SGHS are wishing our students the best of luck as they navigate the next few weeks.

#### Student toilets open

It has been a long time coming, but the refurbishment of our students toilet blocks is complete. The boys toilet opened at the start of last term and now the girls toilets are also operational. When I arrived at SGHS, both the staff and the students raised concerns about the state of the toilets, and I am very pleased that we have been able to upgrade these facilities.



## Sporting Stars Awarded

This week we held our annual Sporting Awards with 16 students being recognised as Elite Athletes. Elite Athletes are students who have excelled in one sport or across a variety of sports. We use a points system in which points are awarded to each sporting achievement and students obtaining 30 points achieve elite athlete status. Also representing or being selected into NSWCHS or breaking one of our near impossible swimming or athletic records achieves the elite athlete status.

Year 10 student, Matt Barker was named male athlete of the year, while Year 7 student, Rahni McGrath was named female athlete of the year. This caps off an amazing year for Rahni after she was named in the NSW Open Merit Tennis Team.

Matt gained the prize having represented SGHS in multiple teams at North Coast level.

Rahni, along with Holly Fuller have both earned South Grafton High Blue. The highest sporting award they can earn at SGHS. This is very impressive as Rahni is only in Year 7, while Holly is in Year 8.

**MORE PHOTOS AND AWARD WINNERS ON PAGE 6-7**

# Diary Dates

## Monday 21st October

- HSC Exams continue
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## Tuesday 22nd October

- HSC Exams continue
- Sculpture Workshop

## Wednesday 23rd October

- HSC Exams continue
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## Thursday 24th October

- HSC Exams continue
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## Friday 25th October

- HSC Exams continue
- Ebor Trout Fishing
- Bandanna Day

## Monday 28th October

- HSC Exams continue
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## Tuesday 29th October

- HSC Exams continue
- Sculpture Workshop

## Wednesday 30th October

- HSC Exams continue
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## Thursday 31st October

- HSC Exams continue
- Jacaranda Thursday

## Friday 1st November

- HSC Exams continue
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# Tahlia named MVP!

SGHS Netball star, Tahlia O'Hara, has recently returned from representing the North Coast Academy of Sport at the Academy Games in Orange. The North Coast team had mixed results winning three of their four games.

Tahlia, who plays as a goal shooter, had an exceptional tournament being named Division 2 Most Valuable Player!



# Education Perfect Languages Championships

Education Perfect provides engaging, curriculum-aligned and fully customisable content for our students. Students are able to access a range of subjects including Mathematics, Science and Language.

Our school has just competed in the Education Perfect Languages Championships where our students compete against students from throughout the world. Our students achieved a total of nine awards with Leah Henderson being the standout with silver award, while Caitlin Eggins, Kynan Saurine, Carter Smith, Zlata Vorontsova, Dylan Howard, Charlie Birkett, Tom Lehman and Isabella Patterson all achieved a bronze certificate. Well done to all students who participated.

It is estimated that our students spent 66 hours online learning Languages!





# Bandanna Day

The SRC are raising money for CanTeen Australia through their national Bandanna Day. Each day the SRC are in the playground selling bandannas for \$5 or \$15. Bandannas are also available through the school Library.



# New toilets

Our refurbishment of both the boys and girls toilets are finally complete!



# From SGHS to World News!

Former SGHS student Harriet Tatham is a great example of what our students can achieve.

After graduating in 2010, Harriet went on to study journalism at university. At the completion of her studies she gained a position with ABC as both a radio and TV news journalist.

Those who tuned in to ABC News on Wednesday night would have seen Harriet covering a story from Honiara on the locals involvement in the Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Sydney.

You can check out her story here;



# Equestrian Team

Next weekend the SGHS equestrian team will be competing at the Clarence Valley Equestrian Challenge. We have a very strong, 16 person team competing in various events over the two days.

The first event is the March Past at 8:30am Saturday morning. Come along and support our students. They will be under the SGHS marquee.



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## **SCHOOL LEAVER EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS**

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The CHESS 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.

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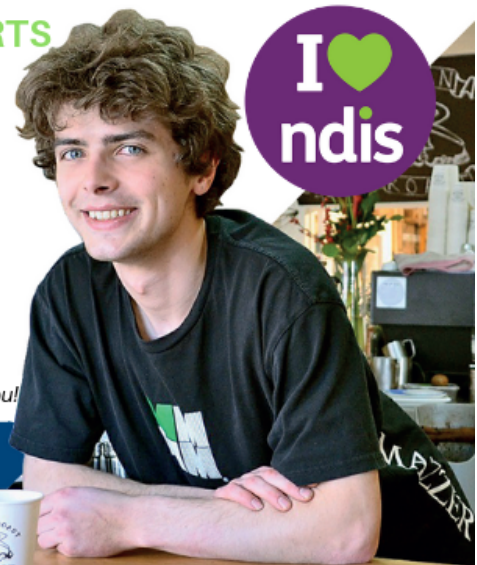
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## State Athletes

**Holly Fuller-** Golf

**Caleb Barker-** Rugby Union

**Rahni McGrath-** Tennis

## North Coast Representatives

**Latrell Mundine-** Cross Country

**Beah Hartmann-** Swimming, Athletics

**Bailey Scibberas-** Athletics

**Koopah Walters-** Athletics

**Sonny Kilduff-** Athletics

**Jacob Hearfield-** Athletics

**Isaac Barker-** Athletics

**Ryan Wheeler-** Athletics

**Jamal Laurie-** Athletics, Rugby League

**Monica Waters-** Athletics

**Sonny Preston-** Athletics

**Matthew Barker-** Rugby Union

**Caleb Barker-** Rugby Union

**Holly Fuller-** Golf

**Holly Blundell-** Squash

**Rahni McGrath-** Tennis

**Tahlia O'Hara-** Netball

**Noah Edwards-** Touch Football

## Elite Athletes

**Koopah Walters-** Athletics School age champ, representative zone, region and state Bronze medal 4x100m. Rugby League 13's, and broke 100m school record.

**Beau Hartmann-** Athletics representative zone, region and state Bronze medal 4 x 100m. Swimming age champ, representative zone, region and state.

**Jamal Laurie-** Athletics School age champ representative zone, region and state. Touch 15's, Rugby League 15's Zone region and NSW Indigenous team.

**Matthew Barker-** Swimming Age Champ Zone, Cross Country age champ, Cricket Open, Soccer Open, Futsal 16's, Rugby Union open School region, Rugby League School Zone, Rowing school.

**Isaac Barker-** Athletics representative zone, region and state, Swimming age Champ Zone, Soccer under 15's, Rugby League 14's 15's Zone, Rowing School NSWCHS Championships 1st place.

**Caleb Barker-** Athletics Shot put record, Rugby Union School, Region, State, Rowing school, Cricket Open

**Jacob Hearfield-** Athletics School age champ, representative zone, region and state. Open Rugby League, Touch Open

**Hollie Fuller-** Cross Country Age Champ, Open Cricket, Under 15 Soccer, Golf School region and state

**Rahni McGrath-** Swimming Zone, Cross Country age Champ Zone region, Athletics Zone, Soccer 15's, Tennis School region and State

**Monica Waters-** Athletics School age champ, representative zone, region and state. Soccer Open, League tag 16's Rugby League 14's.

**Hannah Blundell-** Athletics School age champ, representative zone, Swimming Zone, Cross Country zone region, Swimming zone, Soccer Open's 15's. Squash, Netball, Cricket Open's, Touch Football and League Tag Open's.

**Erin Blundell-** Athletics zone, Swimming School age champ Zone, Cross Country zone, Soccer Open's 15's. Netball, Cricket Open's, Touch Football and League Tag Open's.

**Laynae Okkonen-** Swimming School age champ Zone, Cross Country school age champ zone region Sonny Preston-Athletics representative zone, region and state. Broke Shot put record from 1973.







## Golfing champions

Late last term we held a golfing fundraiser to raise money for our students attending School Spectacular. The day started with students taking on the Grafton District Golf Club Course in an two person ambrose competition.

Holly Fuller and Hannah Blundell took it out as gross winners, while Matt Barker and Keanu Staader were the net winners.

After school the staff took to the course with teams being selected at random. While there was some fine golf played by many of the staff, it was Mr McKee and Ms Wood who stood out, winning the event.

Thankyou to all those that attended helping raising money to support our students.



## Futsal

SGHS sent four teams to Coffs Harbour to play in the Mid North Coast Futsal Gala day. Both our open boys and girls team made the final but both teams were defeated. A great effort was made by all team members. Junior boys were unlucky to be defeated in their first round in the last eight seconds of extra time. The junior girls team lost their first match but were successful in defeating Grafton High in the second round.

## Cricket

Our Under 14 boys cricket team played Woolgoolga. Bowling first, Jaxon Moran and Jai Golding had the Woolgoolga batsman in trouble early. Jack Preston with a sensational piece of fielding, with a direct hit to run out Woolgoolga's best batsman. Tim Simpson with 5 wickets for 10 runs and Teven Gallagher 2 wickets for 2 runs. Woolgoolga all out for 48 runs. Jaxon Moran 14 runs and Teven Gallagher and Jordan Hartmann scored the winning runs in 11 overs with the loss of 3 wickets.



# Food Technology

Food Technology class making chocolate creations



## Year 7 Food Technology

Year 7 collecting sunflower seeds from the sunflowers they grew in food technology.



## Community Notice Board



**YAMBA NIPPERS**

YAMBA SLSC WILL BE RUNNING AN SRC COURSE STARTING THIS SUNDAY THE 20TH OF OCTOBER. REQUIRMENTS ARE YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF YAMBA SLSC AND BE 13 BY THE END OF THE YEAR. CONTACT YAMBA SLSC TODAY ON 66462463



**YAMBA NIPPERS**

THE SEASON HAS STARTED BUT ITS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN! EVERY SUNDAY AT MAIN BEACH FROM 9AM! COME DOWN INTO THE CLUB HOUSE SUNDAY MORNINGS TO JOIN



# 10 Quick Tips for Sustainable Living



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## 2019 Sustainable Living Family Festival

**from 3pm Saturday October 19**

**Sustainable Living displays**

**Speed dating energy savings-bring your power bill!**

**Check out an electric vehicle up close!**

### **Workshops**

**Get the most out of your garden**

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**Recycling relay for kids**

**FREE twilight BBQ**

Please join us in celebrating our Clarence Valley sustainability champions and share the good news stories of sustainability. Shop for sustainable products and maybe take home something for **free** from our less to landfill market day.

Fun starts at 3pm Saturday October 19 at the **Clarence Environmental learning Facility, 704 Armidale Road, South Grafton**. Contact Clarence Valley Council for more details 6643 0200.