

Newsletter

SOUTH GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL

Term 3, Week 10, 2019

From the Principal's Desk

Retirement of Lynn Turton

It is with sadness, joy and a tinge of envy that we farewell our Senior Administration Manager (SAM) – Lynn Turton. Lynn is retiring after many years of dedicated service to our school, its students and our community. She began her association with SGHS as a student, continuing as a parent and finally as an employee of the Department of Education. Lynn's retirement dinner on Thursday evening was a testament to the impact she has had on this school. The 85 guests thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to thank Lynn for her service and to share some tall stories.

Sleeping Soundly

On Thursday night, 15 students and three staff members participated in our inaugural "Girls night in". I am sure they had a wonderful time because when I arrived at school early on Friday morning, I crept down to the room where they were staying and surprise, surprise, they were all still sound asleep. I am told there was lots of fun, games and pizza. This event was made possible by the generosity of the staff who volunteered to host the sleepover and I would like to thank Sarah Dewberry, Wendy Dalton and Angela Cameron for hosting the sleep over.

Safe Break

As we finish Term 3 today, I would like to take this opportunity to wish our students and their families all the best for the upcoming break. School terms can be a hectic time, so during the break try to find some time to reconnect with each other, have fun and recharge your batteries. I am looking forward to seeing everyone back next term, eager to learn.

Final days for Year 12

This week marks the end of classes for our Year 12 students. 13 Years of schooling, 2340 days of schooling, 14,040 hours of schooling...

While this week has mostly been a 'normal' week for Year 12, they did not break from tradition, participating in various activities.

Thursday saw the Year 12s take on the staff in a 'friendly' game of volleyball and soccer, where the teachers were triumphant in both games. In the volleyball the teachers got off to a flying start with Mr McKee's team dominating early on, running away with the first set. The teachers looked like they were going to do it easy in the second, before Caleb Barker delivered some excellent serves to get the students back into the game. Unfortunately for the students Mr Lehman showed his class extending the lead for the teachers, and ultimately the game.

After a rain delay the soccer was on. The teachers have dominated this competition over the past few years and when Mr Miller slotted the first goal it looked like another easy triumph. Up stepped Ethan Skennar to level the scores. Experience then showed as the teachers looked to slow the game down before some great play saw Mr Blundell seal the game for the teachers.

Year 12 now have until Thursday 17th October to study in preparation for their final exams.



Diary Dates

TERM 4

Monday 14th October

- ALL STAFF AND STUDENTS return for Term 4

Wednesday 16 October

- Sports Awards Ceremony

Thursday 17 October

- HSC EXAMS 17 October - 11 November

Tuesday 22 October

- Sculpture with Andrew Shillam

Friday 25 October

- Ebor Trout Fishing

Tuesday 29 October

- Sculpture with Andrew Shillam

Thursday 31 October

- Jacaranda Thursday

Friday 1 November

- Valid 8 test

Monday 4 November

- P&C Meeting, 5.30pm in the Library

NAPLAN Results

Year 9 NAPLAN exam results were handed out on Thursday and Year 7 results distributed Friday. Well done to all students who participated in the exams.

If you did not collect your results during English, please head to the front office next term.

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.

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South Grafton Tennis Courts-Community Project Funding

From the department

Maths Road Trip

Last weekend myself, (Mrs O'Connor) and Ms Millican went on a Maths road trip and attended the MANSW Annual Conference (Mathematics Association of NSW) at Terrigal. Now some would think that spending your weekend surrounded by school-based learning is a bit above and beyond but we truly had an incredibly inspiring, motivating and exhilarating time. The theme "The Greatest Show" was very apt. We were entertained by stand-up comedian and mathematician Matt Parker and inspired by the Emeritus Professor of Mathematics Education; Doug Clark.

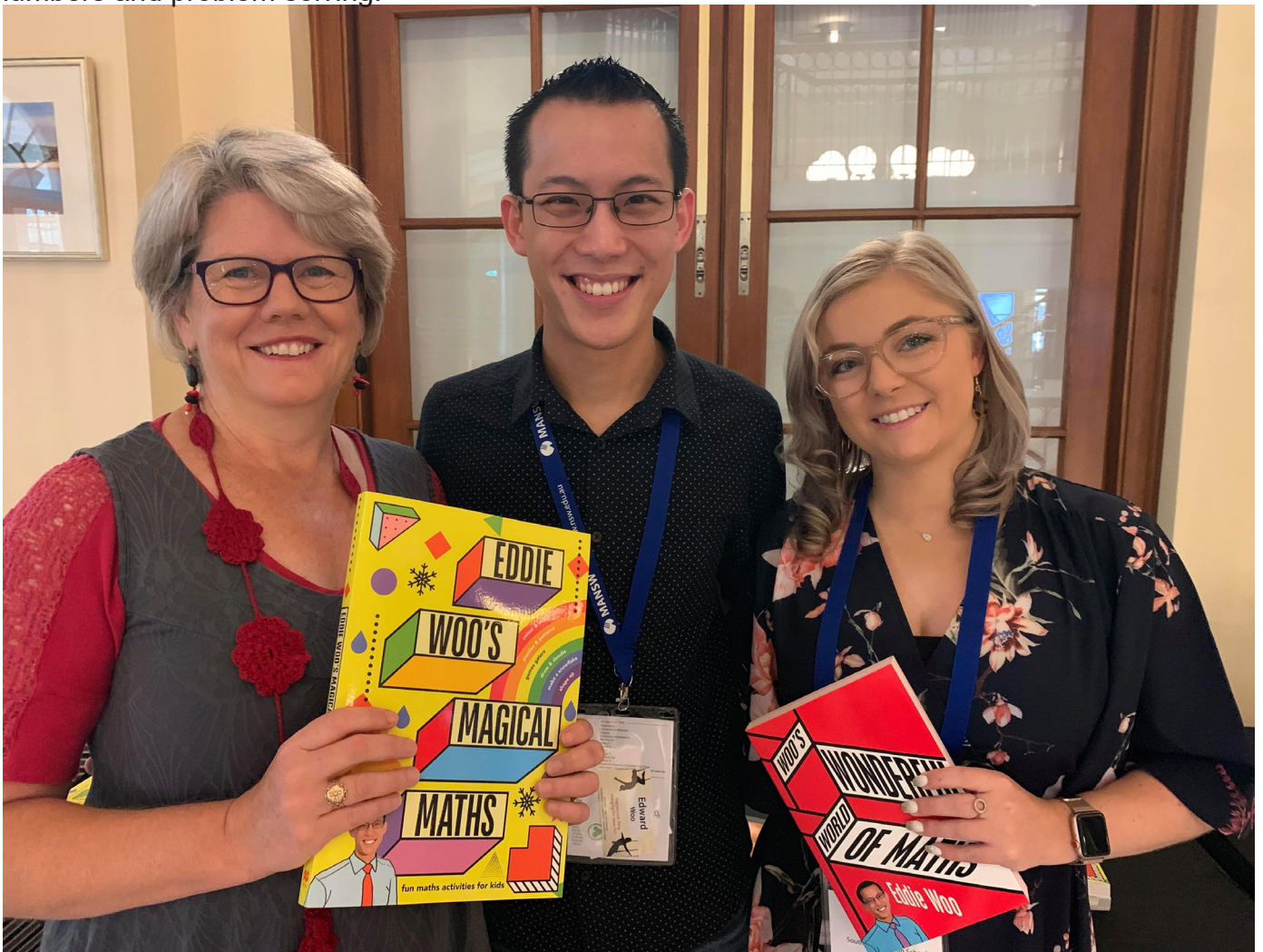
A few tidbits from the weekend:

- Change the mental mantra to I LOVE MATHS.
- The brain can change itself with specific practice and deliberate active thinking and participation.
- By making deliberate, conscious and self-motivated decisions change can be made from negative to positive.
- Memorising a mathematical procedure without any understanding is akin to being able to spell a word without knowing its definition.
- We need teachers and students to enjoy mathematics and not just do Maths.
- Make maths engaging and entertaining through numbers and problem solving.

SRC Presents Keanu with a Cheque



This week SRC member Max presented Year 10 student Keanu with a cheque to assist him with his trip to the UK. Keanu is going on the trip of a life time playing soccer with West Ham Academy.



Marine Science Stellar Day



Year 10 students were given the opportunity to attend the Marine Science Stellar day this week. The students were given a tour of the facility, an insight into the variety of careers in the fields of Marine Science, and participated in laboratory sessions led by Marine Science academics.



Aboriginal Girl's Group “night in”

We had such a fun filled evening and sleepover in the Cultural Centre at school on Thursday night! The highlights were hide and seek around the school, a dodge ball competition, celebrating Tallara Taylor's 13th birthday and the funniest ever talent quest. So much fun and a such a great way to bond and to get to know each other better.

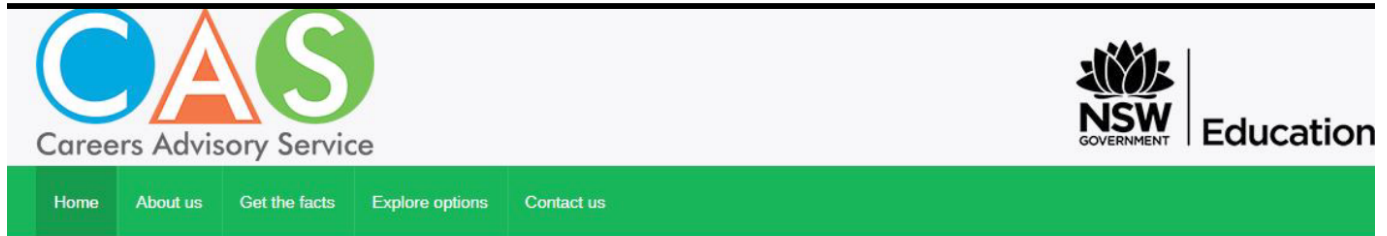


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- Identifying Key Skills & Goals
- Building Capacity & Life Skills for Independence
- Job Readiness Skills
- Vocational Assessment
- Work Experience & Placement

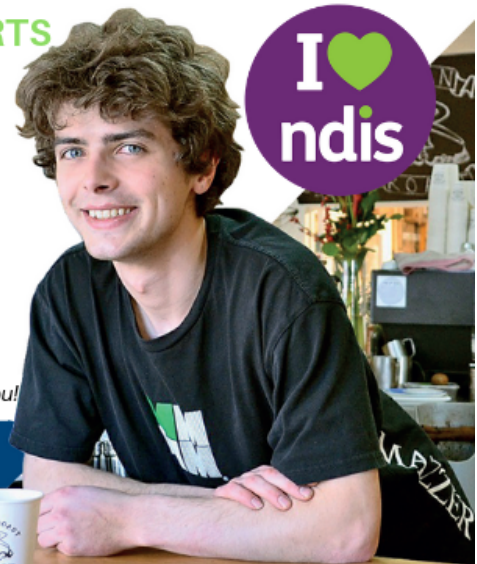
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PRESENTS.**

PAUL DILLON, DRUGS & ALCOHOL COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

We aim to empower parents with a positive message & assist them in having open & honest family discussions in this complex area.

**Wednesday 13th
November
5:30pm - 6:45pm
South Grafton High
School Library**



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MON 30/09/19 - 12PM - 7PM
LIGHTNING RIDGE SPORTS FACILITY (Peabody St, Lightning Ridge)
ACTIVITIES
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5:00PM - 6:00PM (FREE BBQ DINNER)
6:00PM - 7:00PM (DANCE PARTY)

WALGETT
TUES 01/10/19 - 12PM - 7PM
PCYC WALGETT (Orchard Street, Walgett)
ACTIVITIES
12:00PM - 5:00PM (MULTI SPORT ACTIVITIES)
5:00PM - 6:00PM (FREE BBQ DINNER)
6:00PM - 7:00PM (DANCE PARTY)

NARRABRI
WEDS 02/10/19 - 12PM - 7PM
COLLINS PARK (152 Taberens Street, Narrabri)
ACTIVITIES
12:00PM - 5:00PM (MULTI SPORT ACTIVITIES)
5:00PM - 6:00PM (FREE BBQ DINNER)
6:00PM - 7:00PM (DANCE PARTY)

GLENN INNES
THURS 03/10/19 - 12PM - 7PM
YOUTH CENTRE (152 Wentworth Street, Glenn Innes)
ACTIVITIES
12:00PM - 5:00PM (MULTI SPORT ACTIVITIES)
5:00PM - 6:00PM (FREE BBQ DINNER)
6:00PM - 7:00PM (DANCE PARTY)

GRAFTON
FRI 04/10/19 - 12PM - 7PM
MARKET SQUARE (Prince Street, Grafton)
ACTIVITIES
12:00PM - 5:00PM (MULTI SPORT ACTIVITIES)
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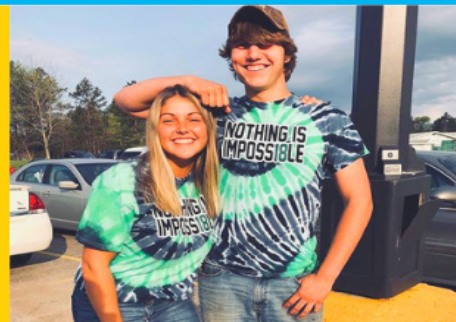


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WHEN: WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2019

WHERE: FRANK MCGUREN FIELD – GRAFTON, NSW

DETAILS

6 – 8 YEARS	10:00AM – 1:00PM (\$50)	\$40
9 – 12 YEARS	10:00AM – 2:00PM (\$75)	\$65
13 – 17 YEARS	10:00AM – 3:00PM (\$100)	\$90

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