

# Newsletter

## SOUTH GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL

Term 4, Week 5/6, 2023

### From the Principal's Desk

Today I will be joining some of our students and staff at the opening of the EcoVitalise garden that has been a project in conjunction with the NSW Government through the Children and Young People Well-being Initiative. The Resilient Bush Tucker Garden in South Grafton at Beresford Park has been an exciting project celebrating community, sustainability, and the rich indigenous culture of our region. It will serve as a hub for learning, relaxation, and connection with the land with the transformation of an unused space into a vibrant and educational garden that will benefit our community for years to come.

A big thank you to Donna McCarthy and her HSIE faculty who have played a major role in the development of this garden in consultation with Michael Kennedy from Clarence Landcare. I would encourage anyone to take the time to see what has been created and the pride that our students take in the creation and maintenance of this space.

Currently our school is participating in a targeted program to improve student attendance. A team is working on strategies and material to better inform our parents on the importance of attendance and ways to support this. I will be emailing out letters to all parents next week as I did in term three with an update on your child's attendance. These letters are for your information only and will allow you to compare this term to last.

Last Saturday I attended the Year 12 Formal and it was great to be able to celebrate with these students, parents and staff. Thank you to Morgan Kerrigan and Ross Miller for their work in organising the evening.

This week students in Years 7, 8 and 9 participated in the Check-in assessments. I would like to acknowledge their efforts in this process as the results provide us with an insight into the strengths and weaknesses of students and year groups. I would also like to thank Belle Kemmis for her organisation and the team around her that supported students.

Lastly, I want to wish our Schools Spectacular students all the best as they travel to Sydney next week to participate in this showcase of student talent. Apart from our dancers we will have our school band perform as part of the Surround Sound competition and Emily Schroder will also compete in the SpecFest Poetry Slam. A great effort for our school to be so widely represented at this event.



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# Diary Dates

**P&C Meetings** - First Monday of the Month at 5.30pm in the Library, all welcome.

## Term 4, 2023

**PCYC Behaviour Program continues**  
**Run Beyond Program continues**  
**TAFE Yes Program continues**

### Sunday 19 - Sunday 26 November

- Schools Spectacular

### Monday 20 November

- ROAR Peer Mentoring Training

### Tuesday 21 November

- Girls League Tag

### Wednesday 22 November

- Surround Sound

### Thursday 23 November

- WWI Living History Incursion

**TERM 1 2024 SPORT CHOICES ARE NOW OPEN.**

Follow the link to make your choices:

<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fonline.schoolbytes.education%2Fsport%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cjulie.hill11%40det.nsw.edu>



# Uniforms

When students wear a school uniform, they feel included in our school community. Students, teachers, parents and carers, as well as members of our local community helped develop our school uniform to make sure it:

- meets the requirements of occupational health and safety, anti-discrimination and equal opportunity legislation
- includes items that are affordable, comfortable and made from easy-care and easy-wear fabrics
- is appropriate for the full range of school activities
- is suitable for all body shapes.

At South Grafton High School we source all of our uniforms direct from the supplier, meaning a huge saving for our families. Visit the school Library to view our range.

[https://sthgraffton-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/s/sthgraffton-h/uniform\\_poster\\_landscape.jpg](https://sthgraffton-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/s/sthgraffton-h/uniform_poster_landscape.jpg)



South Grafton High School

## School uniform

### Junior



- Red school polo shirt
- Grey school shorts or grey skirt
- Red school hoodie
- Grey school track pants or grey slacks
- School sport polo shirt
- School sport shorts (long or short)

Grey skirt COMING SOON

### Senior



- Green school polo shirt
- Grey school shorts or grey skirt
- Red school hoodie or senior jersey
- Grey school track pants or grey slacks

Grey skirt COMING SOON



# School Links

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://sthgraffton-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/Sentral Parent and Student Portal](https://sthgraffton-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/Sentral%20Parent%20and%20Student%20Portal) <https://web2.sthgraffton-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal2/#!/login> SGHS Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/southgrafftonhighschoolofficial/>

# 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/>

# Congratulations

**Congratulations to the following students who earned a CALM award on Wednesday's week 3 assembly.**

Year 7 - Samuel Longstaff, Samantha Gardiner, Eva Bacon and Lochlan Egan

Year 8 - Riley Lolic, Hayden Howard, Isabella Watts, Taleigh Bryant and Matilda Stott

Year 10 - Charlize Wheeler

**Congratulations to the following students who earned a LION award on Wednesday's week 3 assembly.**

Year 7 - Caleb Spears, Billy Cain, Kileah Biggs and Rhani Abrahams

Year 8 - Thomas Bolch

Year 9 - Callum Allison, Hope Bullock, James Drewett and Emmitt Okkonen

Year 11 - Bailey Fleming

**Congratulations to the following students who received LaST awards for HSC Readers:**

Year 10 - Andrea Thomson

Year 11 - Lilee Really, Chloe Simpson, Emily Watts and Taliha Davey



## English News

In English at the moment, 8ENG JADE is exploring representations of fairytales. Today, we used Lego to develop freeze frames of key moments from our selected fairytales from authors such as the Grimm Brothers, Charles Perrault and Hans Christian Andersen. Look at how deep in planning we are! Some awesome results overall.

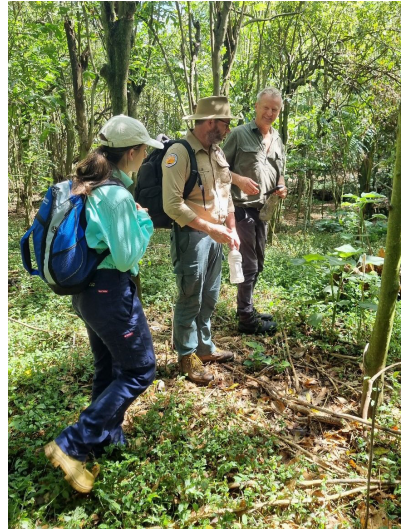


## 2024 HSC

**Year 12 Students with Special Needs or disabilities**

The process is underway for students with special needs or disabilities to apply for special requirements during the 2024 HSC exams eg. Reader/Writer, Rest Breaks, Small Group Supervision, Food/Drink required for medical reasons, etc. Any Year 12 students who wish to apply for Disability Provisions for the HSC, please contact Ms Kinny or Mr Martin (Learning and Support Teachers) in the Library. In order to qualify for various provisions, specific evidence is required such as assessments and/or medical evidence as well as teacher comments. The School must submit all the required evidence to NESAs by the end of Term 1 2024. After that time, other applications may be submitted as issues arise.

# Work Experience



# Seaworld Excursion

Students from Year 9 and 10 Marine Studies went on a special excursion to SeaWorld on the Gold Coast, Qld. Students were given the opportunity to have a “behind the scenes” informative tour, while the park was closed (seen here in the picture). We then got to swim in the Tropical Reef exhibit with a myriad of marine species including a turtle, fish, rays and small reef sharks! The fun continued as students had fun on a variety of rides before we returned home to South Grafton tired after a big day.



# Do you have the new School Bytes App and the School Bytes Parent Portal?

## Activating the School Bytes App

1. Access the app store on your phone and search for School Bytes.

If you can't find it, here are the direct links:

Apple: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=education.schoolbytes>

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=education.schoolbytes>

2. Download the School Bytes App.

3. Use your username and password created previously to log on.

4. If prompted, allow notifications.

School Bytes provides a parent portal to help your school communicate with you. This is accessible via a website and an App, available for both Apple and Android devices.

SGHS uses the parent portal for various things, including online permission notes, attendance, and payments, which can be accessed via a secure link. The School Bytes parent portal enables you to view all your children in one portal and process payments for multiple siblings in one transaction, even if they attend different schools (assuming all of the schools use School Bytes!).

**IMPORTANT** – To ensure that the registration process works smoothly and you can link your account to your child(ren), make sure that you use the same email address that you have provided to the school or if using a different email address, an SMS verification code will be sent to the mobile phone number on record for you at the school.

### Detailed steps

1. Open the parent portal link – <https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login>

2. Select the create a new account link.

3. Enter your first name as it appears on your student's profile at the school.

4. Enter your last name as it appears on your student's profile at the school.

5. Enter the email address that you use for school communication.

6. Enter a password.

7. Confirm the password.

8. Select create account.

An email will be sent to the email address nominated so that you can verify your access to the email address. Once you have created your account, log in to the School Bytes parent portal.

You can now link your account to all students in schools that use the School Bytes platform.

1. Select link other student.

2. Search for the school's name.

3. Enter the student's first name.

4. Enter the student's last name.

5. Select the student's current grade.

6. Enter the student's date of birth.

7. Select search.

**Please also enable Notifications and check in the documents tab for the latest newsletter.**

If all student information matches with parent information according to the student's official enrolment stored at the school, the system will add the student to the parent account automatically.

If you are unable to link a student to your account or if you have any questions relating to this process please contact the school.

# How to Make Your Sport Choices for 2024

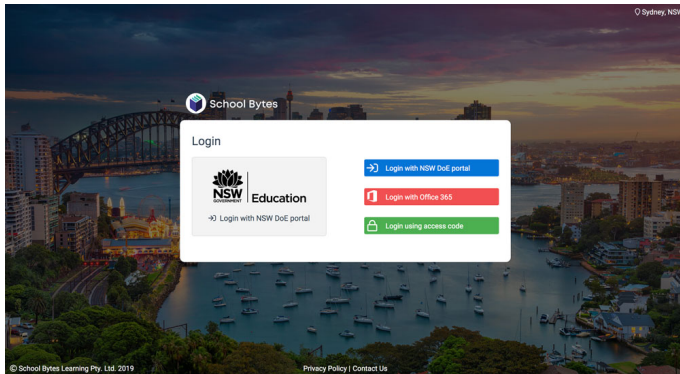
## Online Sport Selection - Student Instructions

Your school is using the School Bytes sport management system to allow you to select & manage your sport choices/preferences online, download relevant permission notes and make online payments for sport.

The steps below outline the process for a student to select their sport choices:

1. In a web browser, go to the following page:  
<https://online.schoolbytes.education/sport/>

You will be taken to the School Bytes login page. Click 'Login with NSW DoE portal' below the Department logo.



2. The NSW DoE portal page will appear. Enter your DoE portal username & password. This is the same username & password you use to access the internet at school and student email account.

3. From the dropdown menu, select the sport session you wish to select preferences for, then press 'Next'.

4. Using the dropdown menus provided, select your sport choices, then press 'Save Preferences'.

If a sport is full, you will not be able to select it. The sport will be 'greyed' out in the dropdown menu, and will have a label saying 'SPORT IS FULL' next to its name.

On the right-hand side of the page, the 'Downloads' section will list any files uploaded by your sports organiser such as permission & information notes. If enabled, you will also be able to make an online payment for your sport through a secure Westpac payment gateway.

5. Once sport selections are completed, and your sports organiser has finalised the rolls, you will be able to log back into the system using the same steps above and see what sport you have been allocated to.



# STYMIE

Stymie is an anonymous, harm reporting tool that we use to proactively support students. Students can report any type of harm anonymously through the [stymie.com.au](http://stymie.com.au) website and know that the student/s being harmed will be supported. Stymie is a key component of our school's Anti-Bullying Plan and is used to promote a positive school culture where bullying is not accepted.



## TAFE Yes Program



Respect • Honesty • Commitment • Pride



Stars Foundation provides a holistic program that supports First Nations girls and young women to attend and remain engaged in school, complete Year 12 and transition into work or further study.

#### PROGRAM FEATURES

- Full-time Stars mentors
- Stars Room
- Personal development activities
- Camps & excursions
- Stars carnivals
- Extra-curricular activities
- Transitions support for Year 12s
- Career Expos/Employment forums
- Work readiness support
- Stars alumni app for graduates
- Alumni events
- Year 12 trips
- End of Year Celebration Events

#### The Stars Plan

Underpinned by four pillars of personal development, and is the foundation of our program:

➤ Education, Training & Employment

➤ Healthy Lifestyles

➤ Wellbeing

➤ Community, Culture & Leadership

#### ➤ Get in contact with us:

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0455 158 814

 [www.starsfoundation.org.au](http://www.starsfoundation.org.au)





# Tuesday Tutoring Volunteers

We thank our volunteers sincerely for their regular dedication to sharing their time each Wednesday 3.00pm - 4:15pm to our SGHS students.



## Colin Lang

Mr Lang has been a Principal, Deputy Principal and Teacher in both Grafton and South Grafton Public and High Schools. His area of expertise is Mathematics and he is loving 'giving back' to our public education system.



## Gerry O'Connor

Mr O'Connor has been a long term teacher at South Grafton High School. His expertise is English and in particular essay writing.



## Mike Gray

Mr Gray has been a Principal and is still working one day per week in the Clarence Valley. He enjoys helping those students who 'want to learn'.



## Calculators for Mathematics

All students are welcome to have their Calculators engraved with their name on it. Just ask in F11. Calculators are available for purchase at the front office at \$35 SGHS use the CASIO fx-82AU PLUS II



Those students looking towards Extension 1 & 2 Mathematics in Senior years will find the new FX 8200 a time saver. These are also at the front office for \$42.



# Transport Concession Entitlement Cards

Guide to school student concession cards

If you're a student aged 16 years or older and eligible for concessions, the Transport Concession Entitlement Card serves as proof of entitlement when using a Child/Youth Opal card within the Opal network or when traveling on child or concession fares in NSW.

The Transport Concession Entitlement Card replaces the following cards:

Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also issued to Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students.

Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)

Boarders Rail Pass

To travel on a Child/Youth Opal card or a child/concession ticket, students must carry a concession entitlement card.

Children aged between 4 to 15 years do not require a proof of entitlement for concession travel. However, if they look more mature, they can get a Transport Concession Entitlement Card to verify to authorised officers that they are under 16 years old.



Grafton Tenpin Bowl

ICE CREAM HAVEN

THE BIG BANANA FUN PARK COFFS HARBOUR

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

SARATON THEATRE - GRAFTON THE ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE OF THE COAST

PIZZA & RIBS ON THE RUN

B & S Kitchens

Grafton Motor Group

Who will be Student of the Year 2023

Student of the Year

More Sponsors Coming Soon!

Donovan Livestock & Property

# Community News



Go.Forward

## Educational Pathways Program



### Not sure how to prepare your child for their future career?

Educational Pathways Program



## FUTURE FIT

As part of the Educational Pathways Program, we are inviting parents to attend 'FutureFit', a FREE information session with a focus on Vocational Education Training (VET) and apprenticeships. It is an opportunity to learn more about training options to help support your child in the decisions that lay ahead when planning for their career.

This session is for parents of students at Woolgoolga High, South Grafton High, Grafton High, and Maclean High School

Registration is essential for this program. Follow the link to register, or scan the QR code.

**Wednesday 30th November 2023**

**6:00pm - 7:00pm**

**South Grafton High School Hall**

Tyson Street, South Grafton

For more information please contact:

**David Youman**

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0409 452 901



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

This program is funded by the NSW Government

Central Coast Group Training



**WE ARE LITTLE ATHLETICS**  
Season 2023-24 Open Now

**WHEN:** Wednesdays 4:30pm  
**WHERE:** Terry West Oval, Junction Hill  
**AGES:** 3 -16 yrs  
**COST:** \$100-\$150 yearly registration

**REGISTER TODAY!**

[www.revolutionise.com.au/grafonathleti/home/](http://www.revolutionise.com.au/grafonathleti/home/)

# Christmas Pallet Tree Competition

Vote for your favourite Christmas pallet tree, designed by Clarence Valley Schools

The schools with the most votes will win:

- 1st prize - \$300 voucher
- 2nd prize - \$200 voucher
- 3rd prize - \$100 voucher

**SCAN TO VOTE**

T&C's apply