

Newsletter

SOUTH GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL

Term 4, Week 9/10, 2023

From the Principal's Desk

As this is our final newsletter for this year, I wanted to thank the South Grafton High School community for their ongoing support of the school throughout 2023. This week has been a nice way to finish as we recognised our Year 12 students and the results that they have achieved this year. Congratulations to Carter Smith who achieved three band 6 results, in Legal Studies, Music and Extension History. Apart from Carter we had many students with band 5 results and in speaking to them on Thursday morning they have their plans in place with many having university places locked in for 2024. We wish them all the best for next year.

Activities week has seen our students involved in a wide variety of ventures from fishing and sewing to beach activities. Today bus loads of students participated in our rewards excursions which recognised their hard work and positive approach over the course of the year.

The presentation assembly held this week also acknowledged the hard work and fantastic academic, sporting and commitment to learning shown by many our students. Performances by our band, dancers and skippers also highlighted the opportunities that are on offer to all students.

I look forward to next year and welcoming in our new Year 7 students whilst also working hard with our seniors around the high expectations we have for them. Today our school was recognised in the Sydney Morning Herald for being one of the top 100 schools in the state for NAPLAN growth. This is a great achievement and reflects the hard work put in by staff and students.

I would like to finish by thanking my staff for the hard work and dedication they have shown this year. In what has been a year of change they have adapted and met the needs of our students at every turn. I hope that everyone has a great break over the holiday period and a Merry Christmas to all.



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Diary Dates

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

Term 1 2024

Staff Return

Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st January 2024

Years 7, 11 and 12 return

Thursday 1 February

Years 8, 9 and 10 return

Friday 2 February



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://sthgrafton-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/s/sthgrafton-h/uniform_poster_landscape.jpg



South Grafton High School		School uniform	
Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior
			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Red school polo shirt- Red school hoodie- Grey school track pants or grey slacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Green school polo shirt- Grey school shorts or grey skirt- Red school hoodie or senior jersey- Grey school track pants or grey slacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Red school polo shirt- Red school hoodie- Grey school track pants or grey slacks
Grey skirt COMING SOON		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://sthgrafton-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/Sentral Parent and Student Portal](https://sthgrafton-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/Sentral%20Parent%20and%20Student%20Portal) <https://web2.sthgrafton-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal2/#!/login> SGHS Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/southgraftonhighschoolofficial/>

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 Age Champions 2023

Swimming

Age Group

Age Group	Girls
12yrs	
13yrs	Amber Child
14yrs	
15yrs	Andrea Thomson
16yrs	Esther Barker
17+yrs	Lillie Tasker

Age Group

Age Group	Boys
12yrs	Eligh Reid
13yrs	Will Palmer
14yrs	Jaiden Davey
15yrs	Archie McDonald
16yrs	
17+yrs	Brodie O'Hara

Cross Country

Age Group

Age Group	Girls
12yrs	
13yrs	Piper Cox
14yrs	Meg Amos
15yrs	Mylie Wall
16yrs	Esther Barker
17yrs	Ahliyah Browning
18yrs	

Age Group

Age Group	Boys
12yrs	Eligh Reid
13yrs	Thomas Palmer
14yrs	Beau Salmon
15yrs	Angus Southgate
16yrs	Ben Simpson
17yrs	Max Rayward
18yrs	Deakon Stubbs

Athletics

Age Group

Age Group	Girls
12yrs	Isa Vercoe/Chloe Valencia
13yrs	Kirana Pope
14yrs	Meg Amos
15yrs	Andrea Thomson
16yrs	Esther Barker
17+yrs	Lilly Patterson

Age Group

Age Group	Boys
12yrs	Eligh Reid
13yrs	Will Palmer
14yrs	Jaiden Davey
15yrs	Reagan Duroux/Noah Reti
16yrs	Eric Davis
17+yrs	Sam Petch



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

BEACH VOLLEYBALL DAY

30 ^{DEC} 2023 | **2** PM GAME ON

TEAMS OF 5 • 2 WOMEN • 14YRS+
\$50 PER TEAM • REGISTER TEAM 1PM SHARP



Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who earned a CALM award on Wednesday's week 9 assembly.

Year 7: Adrian Butterworth, Rhani Abrahams and Kileah Biggs

Year 8: Summer Gapes, Elizabeth O'Dell and Isabella Watts

Year 9: Gabriel Kennedy, Nayte Meyer and Lily Vidler

Year 11/12: Diezel Really

Open Girl's Cricket

Our Open Girls Cricket team travelled to Coffs Harbour on Wednesday to play Bellingen High in the 3rd round of the CHS KO. South High batted first and managed a total of 77 runs off their 20 overs. Top scorer for South was Caitlin Amos. Bellingen managed to chase down the runs in the 16th over to progress to semi finals over the North Coast. Best bowling figures for South was Meg Amos with 2 for 12. Congratulations to all girls who represented their school well.

Team included: Caitlin Amos, Rahni McGrath, Meg Amos, Esther Barker, Hayley Robertson, Chelsea Berry, Zoe Rayward, Rylee Kroehnert, Mylie Wall, Nicola Longstaff and Kirana Pope.



Multi Sports Day at the PCYC

The PCYC hosted the Inclusive School Sport Day on the 5/12/2023. A selected group of 9 students through the MCC and South Graton Learning Support were taken to the PCYC to take part in a multi sports day with 5 other north coast schools. Students were introduced to the skills of each sport then played a short game for 30 minutes then moved on to the next sport. Students learnt skills in golf, hockey, boccia, tennis, soccer, and football. Teachers versed the students in hockey with the teachers being the vicars. It was a fantastic day and organised really well that we will definitely join this again next year.



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 NESA by the end of Term 1 2024. After that time, other applications may be submitted as issues arise.

Presentation Day



Pink Stumps Day



Busways 2024 School Bus Travel Pass

To help students get ready for the 2024 school year, bus passes are open for application now at Transport for NSW website - we encourage parents and carers to apply early to make sure their children receive their 2024 bus pass before the start of the new school year.

Getting to school by bus in 2024

Will your child be catching the bus to school next year? Applications are now open for a Bus Travel Pass. As it's a busy time of year, we highly recommend you make this application before the end of the year. It's also good to check the bus timetable to make your child's journey to school as easy as possible. Here is how it works:

Bus passes

All students catching the bus in 2024 will need a school travel pass.

Under the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS), eligible students can apply for free or subsidised travel between home and school.

For more information about the School Student Transport Scheme and how to apply for a school travel pass, visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/> from a desktop computer.

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.

Educational Pathways Program - Industry Pathways Project

IPP - Industry Engagement Visit – Day Two

As part of the Educational Pathways Program being delivered across the Grafton Group of schools an additional project was funded targeting students' preparation and safety in the workplace. The Industry Pathways Project supports the Educational Pathways Program delivering innovative training to improve education and career outcomes.

The first day of the IPP 'Workplace Preparation & Safety' had students undertake 'White Card' training (CPCCWHS1001) with 15 students (Yr9,10&11) achieve the qualification. Following on from the White Card training the students then experienced several workplaces to cement the skills and knowledge developed during day one of the project.

The students from School Grafton High School attended the industry engagement excursion visiting: Matt Cooper Plumbing, Coffs Harbour TAFE Construction Hub facility & the Coffs Harbour Bypass project viewing construction works on Friday 24 November.

The day started with a conversation around workplace preparation which included information regarding school-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SBATs) delivered by Rachel Copeland our EPP SBAT Engagement Officer, apprenticeships and traineeships and students undertaking an 'Employability Skills' audit of themselves for future development. Students were also given guidance on interview techniques and how to answer interview questions and suggestions on developing a resume designed for applying for apprenticeships.

Students were then transported by bus to Matt Cooper Plumbing workshop where they had the opportunity to hear from Matt and his two apprentices. This was great to hear firsthand what a local employer looks for in a young person. The apprentices, Jacob and Clayton discussed what its like to be an apprentice and explained their roles and what it's like learning at TAFE. Matt made it clear to the students that communication and demonstrating initiative is a skill that he requires from all his employees. During the visit Matt and his apprentices conversed their career journey and why they are in the career they have chosen.

Students then travelled to Coffs Harbour TAFE Construction Hub training facility where they connected with TAFE Head Teacher Rob Lyons where he explained vocational pathways. Here the group toured the training facility and each of the trade specific training workshops guided by Rob before enjoying lunch provided by the Educational Pathways Program.

The final visit for the day was viewing the Coffs Harbour Bypass civil works from a vantage point looking over the whole works. Students were educated on safety, wellbeing and risk management procedures and informed about different job opportunities and the training required for those positions.

This free program was funded by the Educational Pathways Program (EPP/IPP) operating at our school to ensure students leave school well prepared for higher education, training, or employment.

Thanks to Matt Cooper Plumbing – Matt, Jacob & Clayton; TAFE NSW – Rob; South Grafton HS – Peter and EPP – Rachel



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 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.



be kind online

It is a **criminal offence** to menace, harass or offend people online, using any social media or gaming platform.

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#saysomething

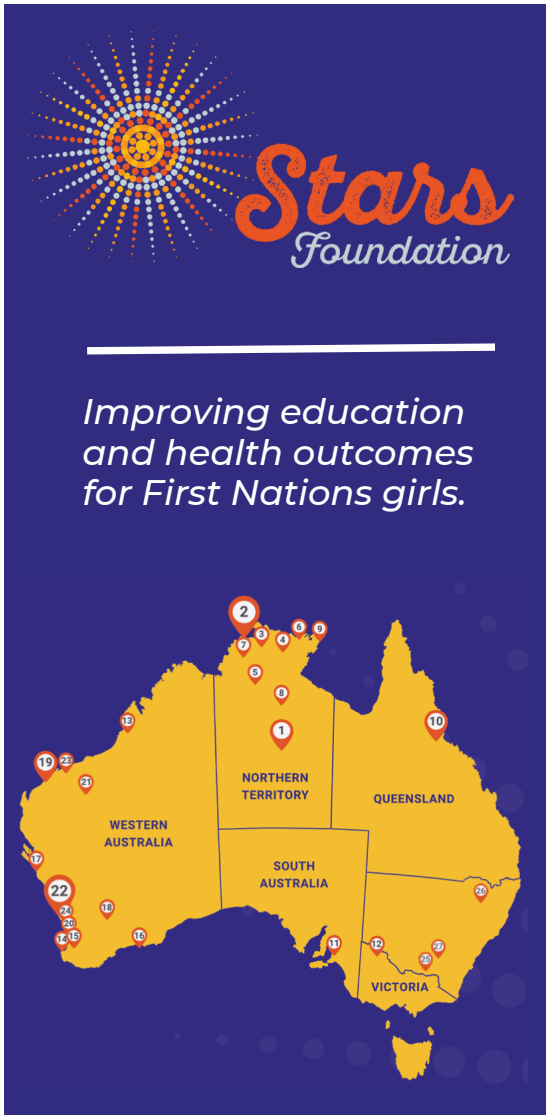
TAFE Yes Program



Work Experience



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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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School Based Apprenticeships



End of Year Activities



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

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.

Please contact the school office if you would like to apply for a concession card.



A collection of logos for various sponsors. At the top left is "Grafton Tenpin Bowl" with a bowling ball and pins. To its right is "ICE CREAM HAVEN" with a circular logo featuring two children and ice cream. Below these is "THE BIG BANANA FUN PARK COFFS HARBOUR" with a large banana graphic. At the bottom left is "SARATON THEATRE - GRAFTON THE ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE OF THE COAST" in a blue and yellow box. At the bottom right is "PIZZA & RIBS ON THE RUN" with a circular logo featuring a pizza and a running figure.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

A collection of logos and text for the Student of the Year award. At the top left is "B & S Kitchens" and at the top right is "Grafton Motor Group". Below these is the text "Who will be Student of the Year 2023". In the center is a large gold and black award ribbon with "Student of the Year" written on it. At the bottom left is a red box with the text "More Sponsors Coming Soon!". At the bottom right is the text "Donovan Livestock & Property".

Who will be Student of the Year 2023

Student of the Year

More Sponsors
Coming Soon!

Donovan Livestock & Property

Community News



Free workshop

2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers Grafton, NSW



This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



Tuesday & Wednesday
5 & 6 March, 2024
9:30am - 2:30pm



Grafton District Services Club Ltd
105-107 Mary Street
Grafton NSW 2460

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



Interpreters available upon request

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

For more information or to register visit:
<https://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC>
tnicoll@positivepartnerships.com.au



For help, call:
1300 881 971

This initiative is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education through the Helping Children with Autism package. The views expressed within this program do not necessarily represent the views of the Australian Government or the Australian Government Department of Education.



Christ Church Cathedral Grafton

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

FAMILY ADVENT SERVICE

Sun 3 Dec 5.30pm
Children's Advent Story circle & pizza dinner
BYO veggie sticks or fruit to share
Optional: Bring a special candle or your baptism candle to light

LESSONS & CAROLS

Sun 17 Dec 6pm
Nine Lessons & Carols
with the Cathedral Choir

TAIZE MEDITATION

Tues 19 Dec 8.30am
Christmas Week Stillness Taize Meditation

NATIVITY PLAY REHEARSAL

Tues 19 Dec 4pm
Rehearsal for Children & Teenagers who would like to act, read, sing or dance in the Christmas Eve Service. All welcome. No need to RSVP - just turn up

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thurs 21 Dec 10am
Anglicare Community Event
sausage sizzle, facepainting, kids craft, games & Santa visit

CHRISTMAS EVE

9am Sunday Eucharist
5pm Children's Christmas Service
1pm Christmas Eve Midnight Service
with Bishop Murray & Cathedral choir

CHRISTMAS DAY

9am Christmas Morning
Eucharist with Bishop Murray



O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant

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

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JOSEPH

and the

OPEN AUDITIONS

THURSDAY 7TH AND 14TH AT 5:30PM
LOCATION: CRITERION THEATRE, 149 OLIVER ST, GRAFTON

ALL ROLES ARE SINGING ROLES
MALE & FEMALE ADULTS
CHILDREN AND STUDENTS
AGE LIMIT: 7YEARS AND OLDER

PLEASE BE PREPARED TO SING A SONG FROM JOSEPH OR ANOTHER MUSICAL.

YOU MAY SING
*ACCOMPANIED (BRING MUSIC FOR US TO PLAY)
*UNACCOMPANIED
*OR WITH A BACKING TRACK (WE WILL HAVE A BLUETOOTH SPEAKER)

16-19 MAY 2024

AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

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