PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Our Annual Presentation Day will be held at the Griffith Reginal Theatre on Friday, December 11th at 1.00pm.

It will be Griffith High School’ 78th Annual Presentation Day and will continue a great tradition of celebrating student achievement.

In addition to student musical performances there will be, as usual, a guest speaker. Also this year, for the first time, the student leadership positions for next year will be announced.

Tickets are now available at the school office. There is no charge for tickets this year as we like to encourage as many parents as possible to attend. Please collect your tickets early to avoid disappointment as there is a limit on the number available.

I look forward to seeing you there.

The majority of Year 10 students are now on Work Experience and I would like to thank all the staff, parents who assisted in making this happen.

The last day for students, in all years, is Wednesday, December 16th.

The final newsletter for 2015 is due to be issued on December 11th and there is one final P&C meeting due on Thursday, December 10th.

Richard Wiseman
Relieving Principal

SHOWCASE TICKETS

NOW ON SALE

7pm - Thursday, December 3rd

$10 each OR $25 for a group of four purchased together
($7.50 each)

All students are required to wear full school uniform to the Annual Presentation Day ceremony

Griffith High School believes in the values of Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Right Choice and the Pursuit of Excellence.
Students have completed their HSC obligations now and are anxiously awaiting their results. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Border, Miss McElevey and Mrs Sharp for all of the hard work and commitment they have made for their students. I would also like to thank the HSC Visual Art, Drama and Music students for their perseverance and dedication. I hope their results exceed all expectations.

For the past month, Mr Rizzeri has been completing his university practicum with CAPA. In his final year of a music degree, the music students in the classes he has taught have gained enormously as a result of Mr Rizzeri’s extensive musical knowledge and performance capabilities. Mr Rizzeri also helped many students during lunchtime rehearsals for Showcase.

Showcase provides students with the opportunity to express themselves creatively in a fun and supportive environment. It involves performances that include drama, music and dance acts. Visual art students will be displaying their works and several staff members will be showing off their talent by performing as well.

Showcase will be held in the school hall on Thursday 3rd December from 7pm till 9.30pm.

Single tickets cost $10 or group tickets for 4 people cost $25. They are available from the front office.

By now your child would have selected their electives for next year.

Subject contribution/fees cover the cost of materials in practical subjects. Students who choose subjects that attract a fee are required to pay their fees.

To help offset the ever-increasing cost associated with delivering practical subjects, the CAPA Faculty needs your help.

If your child studies a course below, could you please make arrangements to pay any outstanding fees?
Elective Fees:

Year 9
Music $20
Ceramics $25
Photographic & Digital Media $50
Visual Arts $30

Year 10
Ceramics $25
Music $20
Photographic & Digital Media $45
Visual Arts $30

Year 11
Photography & Digital Media $80
Visual Art $80
Visual Design $40
Plus camera hire if required of $50

Year 12
Visual Art $50
Photography & Digital Media $80
Visual Design $40
Plus camera hire if required of $50

Prompt payment of fees would be greatly appreciated.

Arrangements can always be made to pay contributions by instalments.

Assistance is available through the Student Assistance Scheme for families facing financial difficulties. Please contact Mrs Bowditch on 69621711 if you require an application form. All applications are treated in the strictest confidence.

Visual art diaries can be purchased from the school canteen. Visual Art diaries are $9 and Music books are $1.

Exercise books, pens, pencils, rulers and erasers can also be bought from the canteen.

Your assistance regarding these matters is anticipated and valued.

N. Mahaffey Head Teacher Creative And Performing Arts (CAPA)
It’s been a big year for Visual Arts at Griffith High School with regular gallery visits by stage 5 and 6 students. Two students, Patrick Campbell and Laulea Fangufangu, were very lucky to attend the Museum of Contemporary Art’s prestigious Djurali Youth Art Careers Workshop and were nominated for Proud and Deadly Awards. Stage 5 Visual Arts Students produced Icons for their Art and Religion Unit and used match boxes to create recontextualised sculptures for their Sculpture unit. Stage 5 Visual Design students have been working on a unit based on Japanese Textiles and are creating costumes out of Newspaper and Fans. The year 10 students have just completed a minor work in perpetration for the Preliminary HSC course. Students were asked to produce a work in any medium addressing the Frames, Conceptual Framework and Art Practice. All students elected to produce 2D works that expressed the quote “Faith Sir, here today gone tomorrow”.
Art classrooms have been buzzing with creativity and fun this semester. The Year 7 students have learnt about the Elements of Art (Line, Colour, Shape, Space, Texture, Value and Form). They have been creating artworks for each of the elements as they learn about their impact on the composition and resolution of an artwork.

Year 9/10 Visual Arts have been learning about Contemporary art and have created some wonderful works with themes focusing on issues current in society.

Year 12 Visual Arts have completed their HSC Major Works and Examination Papers. Their artworks will be on display at the Griffith Regional Art Gallery from 27 November to 20 December, 2015.
This term Year 7 are developing their skills on acoustic guitar and keyboard. Students have learnt how to read traditional notation and guitar tablature and will apply this knowledge to produce a piece for the class end of year concert.

It’s rocking and rolling with Year 8 this term with students exploring Rock Music focusing on the history and the musical concepts of structure, tone colour and duration. Students are learning about the influential band The Beatles, developing their listening skills through the songs ‘Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds’ and ‘Love Me Do’.

Both Year 9 and 9/10 have enjoyed discovering Musical Theatre this semester looking at musicals such as ‘Wicked’ and ‘The Sound of Music’. Students have presented a Viva Voce based on a piece from a musical of their choice. They also had the opportunity to develop their skills completing an elective based on performance, composition or musicology.
Olivia Warning-Bryant

Year 12 Music Students Perform

Mai Tei

Hayley Perez
## GHS Calendar

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### 2016 Term One Dates

**Wednesday, January 27th** - Staff Development Day

**Thursday, January 28th** - Year 7, 11 & 12 return

**Friday, January 29th** - Years 8, 9, & 10 return

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**STUDY CLUB**

Every Monday 3.30 to 4.30

In the Library—Free of charge

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2016 Presentation Day ~ Friday, December 11th

Last day of school for all students ~ Wednesday, December 16th