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**Griffith High School Newsletter**

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**Principal's Newsletter:**

Years 7 to 10 examinations will be completed by the end of this week. These examinations will give staff, students and families a clear indication of the effectiveness of the learning experiences that we are delivering to our students as well as the progress each student is making in their educational outcomes.

A reminder all students are expected to attend all examinations and give their best efforts. Results of these examinations enable staff to monitor student progress at this stage of 2015. Parents / carers will have the opportunity to discuss their child’s progress early in Term 3 at our Parent/Teacher evening scheduled for **Thursday 16th July, Week 1, Term 3.**

The Term 1 Parent Teacher afternoon was such an outstanding success with more parents and their children attending than have done so for a long time. We are expecting similar support from our parents and carers next time.

Again, I strongly urge parents to continue to discuss their child’s progress with their teachers to discuss any concerns, be well informed and share their child’s educational pathways, supporting them to achieve their personal best.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT GRIFFITH HIGH SCHOOL HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE?**

Our Facebook page will keep you updated on all events and happenings at our high school – it is up to date and current at anytime.

https://www.facebook.com/GriffithHighSchool

Those families who do not have Facebook accounts are reminded that the GHS Web Site is regularly updated with photos and events.

http://www.griffith-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

**REMEMBER TO ALL PARENTS**

School commences at 8:53am. All students are expected to be at school on time. Too many students continue to roll in late. We need your cooperation to ensure the best learning environment possible for all our students.
into school after 9:00am without a reasonable excuse – ‘sleeping in’ is not an excuse. I ask you to support school policy and your child’s education by ensuring that your child gets to school on time.

A reminder for parents of our senior students they too are expected to attend school and all timetabled classes and activities. If they choose not to attend, Griffith High is responsible to make sure that this happens. As a result my Deputy Principal, Mrs Taipaleti is following up inconsistent attendance to ensure that students experience their best possible educational outcomes.

Since last year there has been a huge effort by staff and students to encourage the wearing our school uniform. The hard work and constant reminders are working, our students look fantastic in their uniform, they are wearing it with pride – a big thank you to parents, staff and students for your efforts so far. This pressure will be continued throughout the year. The wearing of school uniform is supported by the majority of our school community – keep up your great efforts.

As the colder weather approaches just a reminder we do not want multi-coloured clothing worn, please try to stick to our school colours as you prepare to keep warm.

Finally, students are expected to come prepare for their daily lessons. All students should have their correct books and equipment for every lesson. If students make the choice not to come prepared for the day’s timetabled classes they might find themselves missing out on many of the extra-curricular activities that they love to do.

A REMINDER FOR OUR STUDENTS:
All students have rights BUT with those rights come with responsibilities – some students are not meeting these responsibilities!

Charlie Cochrane
15th May 2015

Reminder for Parents/ Carers

Please remember to write a note if your child has been absent and get your child to bring it to the office when they return to school.

Failure to do so may result in your child being added to the non–rep list.

the money they earned to visit other stalls and purchase their goods and services. The stalls students ran included face painting, tattooing, hair straightening, nail painting, ice cream making, Milo and cookies and putt putt golf. We finished the night with supper and a demonstration of some very cool card tricks from Mr Grugan and other teachers.

Wednesday – after the brekkie we went to Thredbo and climbed Mt Kosciusko. The adventure started with a 2km chair lift ride that was amazing. We then hiked 6.5kms up the mountain and found snow which many of the students were amazed by. The students played in it. When we reached the top we had lunch there and then began our descent. We finished off the hike with a 2km chair lift ride back down. We were wearing our new camp t-shirts because the sun was out and it was a beautiful day. At 6:30pm we had dinner and off we went for a disco, Ms Lu and Mrs Stein both danced the night away.

Thursday. On the final day we had our breakfast and our group went for mountain biking where everyone had a great time. We also went to archery and the students competed against each other. After we had lunch, it was time for us to say good bye and left for Griffith. We stopped for dinner at Yass and arrived home safe and sound at around 8:30pm. The students were exhausted, but we enjoyed the camping. Hooray Griffith.

Report prepared by Arabella, Jessica, Chloe, Jade and Jorja.
Cold Monday morning, 6:00am.
We arrived at GHS and the students were very excited. The rolls were marked and we loaded onto the buses. We took a coach and a mini bus and stopped at Temora on the way for a 20 minute break, students played in the park. We got a bite to eat at the Yass service centre and continued on our way. We went through Canberra. We needed to stop at Cooma as we had 6 students who were travel sick. At noon, we arrived at Jindabyne and had a late lunch. We then split into 3 groups. Our group did some rock climbing. We had dinner. Then we played some games in the hall. After dinner Mr Grugan told Quade and other students some ghost stories which were scary but interesting.

Tuesday at 8:00am we had a scrumptious breakfast and our group participated in a very high rope challenge (kind of like tight rope walking). After that the Navy landed 8 helicopters on the oval of the sport and rec centre. The guys from the Navy took our students and showed them the helicopters and answered students’ questions. That was an eye opening session making us to think about our future careers. At noon we went for a walk up a hill and participated in a cook-out where students needed to find dry grass, twigs, sticks and then logs to build and light their fire. Students then had flat rocks to use a cook-top and cooked sausages, steak and damper. Some students had their fire going quickly and as such, ate quickly. Others went hungry for a while until they worked out how to light the fire. It was a fantastic challenge. Later that afternoon after a tiring outdoor session, Monz (one of the lady teachers from the centre) read us The Man From Snowy River poem whilst Tim (one of the male teachers from the centre) cracked a whip in the back ground. Students really enjoyed it. Next, we did an indoor activity visiting Jindy markets (in the camp dining room). This was an activity where students were broken into groups of 4 and were given 45 coins. Each group needed to run a stall at the markets to make more money. Students were able to use to write them using the proper stroke order:

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All of our Year 7 classes created a piece of art work for the Assessment Task “All Things Chinese” during first term and had the opportunity to present their creative projects in the school library.

LOTE Report
This year at Griffith High School, we continued learning Mandarin during LOTE lessons. Mandarin is the official language of the Peoples’ Republic of China. One-fifth of the planet speaks Chinese as their first language. Students in Year 7, Year 8 electives and Year 11 Beginners have been enjoying themselves finding out about Chinese life, language and culture.

Here is what Year 7 classes have been learning:
- Term 1 – basic written/spoken introductions of Chinese language, festivals (including Chinese New Year), the Chinese Zodiac and counting numbers.
- Term 2 – Self introduction, age, birthday and the legend of Mulan. Year 8 – basic strokes, Chinese characters at introductory level, hobbies and interests, likes and dislikes.

Our students have learned to read these Chinese characters and how
If you have any questions regarding the LOTE courses we offer at Griffith High School, please feel free to contact me at the school on 02 6962 1171.

Miss C. Lu (LOTE teacher)

CAREERS Report

Events in Careers 2015 have already included:

- 20 students attending the Wollongong Discovery Day.
- 10 students completing the white card training.
- 30 girls participating in a Girls hands on session to encourage them to go into non male dominated trades.
- A CSU excursion to the Big It day.
- 3 school based traineeships/apprenticeships in the areas of retail, construction-cabinet making, as well as stock and station.
- Some students pursuing full time work.

Future dates to look out for:

- June 4 – Year 9 & 10 will visit The Griffith TAFE to investigate how some courses that are offered at TAFE can be incorporated in their HSC study pattern.
- June 15 Careers Expo in Leeton $16. Students can talk directly to employers such as Murrumbidgee Irrigation, Mining Companies, Wineries, the Police Force, Defence Forces as well as Universities, Apprentice centres, University Administration Centre and Centrelink. Students can collect information packages on entry requirements and scholarships as well as lots of freebies. Places are filling fast.
- 19 June La Trobe Open Day. Students will experience a typical University day in their area of choice. Students can pick to examine a typical study day in the areas: Arts, accounting, Science, Ecology, Occupational therapy, Paramedicine, Physiotherapy, Psychology. Enrol on line as places are filling fast. http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience/events/albury-latrobe-events/albury-wodonga-program
- 25 June UNSW Rural Clinical School – Griffith Campus will hold a Medicine information evening for those students that have an interest in pursuing a career in the medical field.

**When:** Wednesday 25 June  
**Time:** 6pm  
**Where:** UNSW Rural Clinical School – Griffith Campus 30 Noorebar Ave, Griffith (opposite the hospital)

Students 10, 11, 12, parents and teachers are most welcome to attend.

**UOW GRIFFITH INFORMATION EVENING FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

This information Evening is for students in Year 10 - 12 and parents who would like to know more

This information Evening, will cover:

- Uni. Of Woolongong (UOW) Accommodation and the Accommodation Guarantee
- UOW Early Admission
- Subject Selections (for Year 10)
- Our Bonus ATAR Point Programs.

Important dates and key things to remember for UAC applications:

- Our Scholarships
- The degrees and opportunities available for you at UOW
- Your options if you don't get the ATAR you need.
- Clubs & Societies and Student Life

Wednesday 15 July 2015  
Belvedere Pizzeria Ristorante  
494 Banna Avenue  
6.30PM  

If you a have student in Year 10, if they have not emailed their resume to me they are to do so ASAP.

Students in Year 10 will need to be working finding a work experience placement and research Year 11 and 12 subject selections, and if they want pursue a school based traineeship/traineeship in 2016. Keep an eye out for further information that will be included in your child’s report and a future information evening.

Finally remember I am here to help assist your child with future career options, any career is welcome come into the school and speak to me directly in regards to