



GRAMMAR NEWS

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The Rockhampton Grammar School

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A copy of the Newsletter can be found on
the School web site:
www.rgs.qld.edu.au

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

CYCLING

Joel Callaghan and Pip Hindmarsh have just returned from the Queensland Junior Track Cycling Championships in Townsville, both competing in the Under 17 Division.

Joel, at his first State Cycling Championships, won a silver medal in the 1-lap Time Trial. Pip won gold medals in the 500m Time Trial, 1-lap Time Trial, 5km Scratch Race and Sprint. She won a silver medal in the 2km Individual Pursuit. Pip will now represent Queensland at the Australian Junior Track Cycling Championships in Perth next month.

RUGBY

The Rugby Captains were omitted from the last newsletter's list of co-curriculum leaders. They are Hugh Thomson (C), Peter Coonan & Jake Thomasson (VC). Congratulations, boys!

SCHOOL NOTICES

TERM 1 MATHS TUTORIALS

Middle School

Monday 3:10-3:45pm M5 Ms Molloy
Tuesday 3:20- 4pm Peer tutoring M4 (Miss Hann)
Thursday 3:20-4pm Peer tutoring M4 (Miss Hann)
Thursday 3:10-3:45pm M5 Ms Molloy

Senior School

Monday 3:15-4:15pm Maths A/B M5 Miss Gordon
Thursday 2-3:10pm Maths A/B M4 Mrs Norford
These tutorials are free.

Students are expected to bring maths material to work on and homework to do while waiting for assistance. Note: Maths C tutorials will be arranged with each class teacher.

GRAMMARIANS MUSIC COUNCIL

The Grammarians Music Council Meeting will be held on March 30th in the MAH, 7.30pm. Please note it is being held then because there will be no April meeting.

MATHS & SCIENCE EXAM DATES:

Thursday 23 March

Middle School
Periods 2 & 3 – Yr 9 Science (MAH & Gym)
Periods 5 & 6 – Yr 10 Mathematics (classrooms)
Periods 8, 9 & 10 – Yr 8 Mathematics (MAH & Gym)

Friday 24 March

Middle School
Periods 2 & 3 – Yr 8 Science (MAH & Gym)
Periods 5 & 6 – Yr 9 Mathematics (classrooms)

Senior School

11.20am - 1.20pm - Yr 11 Mathematics (MAH & Gym)

Monday 27 March

Senior School
11.20am - 1.20pm - Yr 12 Mathematics (MAH & Gym)

Tuesday 28 March & Thursday 30 March

Year 12 QCS trial (MAH & GYM)

SENIOR SCHOOL

LEGAL STUDIES EXCURSION

On the 27 and 28 February this year, 11 Legal Studies students visited the Rockhampton courts to witness current trials. Many students were intrigued with the drug trafficking trial in the Supreme Court. We also witnessed many brief cases in the Magistrates courts.

We were fortunate to receive a very comprehensive talk on both days from Mr Tom Polly, Barrister and parent of RGS students.

Mr Polly carefully explained many aspects of the Australian and Queensland legal systems, clarified the role of legal personnel and gave students a comprehensive insight into the workings of the court system.

We are indebted to Mr Polly for giving up his valuable time and thank him for taking such a keen interest in the Legal Studies students.

Rhonda Shields

UNIVERSITY CAMPUS VISITS

Students contemplating university studies next year are encouraged to visit the campuses, look through accommodation options and discuss courses available with student advisors. The visits should enable students to make decisions on what university to attend.

Information on campus tours and open days held by the various universities is available on their websites and will also be advertised to students as the information becomes available.

OPEN DAYS

During the past 2 weeks, some of our students participated in career orientated Open Days. On 22 February, ten girls from years 10 to 12 visited the CQU campus for the Women in Technology sessions and on 08 March, eight year 12 students visited the laboratories of Sullivan Nicolaides to look at career options in the pathology field. These Open Days enable students to discuss with current employees study and career options.

QTAC CUT OFFS

Most Queensland and interstate universities have their course cut-offs (OP and Rankings) for the January round offers available now from their websites. Year 12 students intending to study at tertiary institutions next year are advised to check these cut-offs.

While it is not possible for universities to publish the cut-offs they will use each year prior to students applying for courses through QTAC, the published cut-off's do give the students a guide.

There is a copy of the cut-off's for all Queensland Tertiary Institutions available for loan from the senior school office.

Pam Hadwen, Assistant Head of Senior School

CO-CURRICULUM CALENDAR

WEEK COMMENCING 13 MARCH

Monday 13 March

7.00pm Grammarians Rugby Club (AGM)

Tuesday 14 March

9.30am Formal Assembly Primary School (Spaceframe)

11.00am Futsal Winter Season Sign-On at Morning Break (B Block)

4.00pm Rockhampton & District Secondary Schools 18 Yrs Rugby Union Trials (Rugby Park)

Wednesday 15 March

1.00-7.00pm Inter School Swimming Carnival Middle & Senior School (Southside Pool)

Thursday 16 March

5.30pm Grammarians Netball Club AGM (Long Room)

Friday 17 March

9.00am Red & Black Association Meeting (Board Room)

Saturday 18 (and 25) March

6.30am Yr 8 'Go Rowing' Program (Boatshed)

WEEK COMMENCING 20 MARCH

Wednesday 22 March

6.30pm Grammarians Rowing Club AGM (Development Office)

Thursday 23 March and

Friday 24 March

Mathematics & Science Exam Block Middle School

Friday 24 March

6.30 – 10.00pm Dance Middle & Senior School, hosted by Tour Committee (Spaceframe)

Saturday 25 March

1.30pm 'That's Entertainment' Afternoon Tea, Concert & Fashion Parade Fundraiser for Musical, Middle & Senior School (Spaceframe)

RED AND BLACK ASSOCIATION

NEXT MEETING

Friday 17 March 9.00am, Board Room.
All Welcome

PAST STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

DINNER DANCE

To celebrate the 125th anniversary of the School's foundation, a dinner dance for parents, past students and friends will be held in the Spaceframe on the 26th August (not April, as was advertised in the last newsletter).

NOTICES

CLARINET FOR SALE

Buffet. As new. \$400
Ph 4983 5288 or email heidif18@bigpond.com.

FOOTBALL LICENSING

There will be a Football Federation Australia accreditation course for the Junior Licence on March 25-26 at Norbridge Park. The cost is \$125.

Interested coaches/parents/staff can contact Doug Stewart on 4927 9409, 4936 1643 or 0411 586 100 for further information.

KARATE CLASSES

Evening karate classes for high school students and adults are held twice a week in North Rockhampton. After school karate classes at St Anthony's primary school are held Monday and Wednesday afternoons 3.15- 4.15 pm. New junior and adult students are always welcome.

For information, please contact John Hackett on 0415261834.

BUSINESS STUDIES COMPETITIONS

\$ Prizes - Griffith University invites year 11 and 12 students to participate in the 2006 Industrial Relations Essay Competition.

Please see Mrs Taylor for details if interested.

QETA ECONOMICS COMPETITION

Teams are asked to forecast 6 variables – the growth rate, the unemployment rate, an interest rate, the US dollar exchange rate and the current account deficit. Details and entry forms available at www.qeta.com.au

COMMONWEALTH GAMES DISPLAY

Featuring paintings and photographs of Rockhampton's past and present Athletes and information on the Commonwealth Games. In Customs House (downstairs), Quay St, Rockhampton. From 8 March to 26 March 2006. Open 9am to 4 pm, Monday to Sunday.

For more information contact Rockhampton Tourist and Business information on 4922 2855 or rtbi@rockhamptoninfo.com

CELLO FOR SALE/WANTED

For sale: 1/4 size, excellent condition. \$650 ONO. Wanted: 1/2 size cello - reasonable condition & price.

Please contact Christina Hindmarsh 0424 719 656 or 4921 2757.

BRING HOME A SISTER OR BROTHER

In July 2006, students aged 15-18 years from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5 or 11 months.

Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide our students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity, call Student Exchange on 1300 135 331 or visit our website www.studentexchange.org.au

PARENTS HELPING AT HOME

SPELD Qld Inc. will be visiting 6 regional centres in 2006 to present workshops for parents. The workshops entitled *Parents Helping Children at Home* will give parents practical strategies to help with spelling, reading and comprehension.

Helpful hints about strategies for children with auditory processing delay and making modifications in the classroom will also be given.

Booklets can be purchased for \$5 either at these workshops or through SPELD Qld, www.speld.org.au

The intended venues for these 11am-1pm workshops – arrive 10.30am for tea/coffee – are as follow:

Toowoomba: Education Centre Paradise Room, 36 Baker Street, March 22nd

Emerald: Meteor Motel, Cnr Eggerton & Opan St, April 27th

Mt Isa: All Seasons Verona Julius Room, Cnr Marcan & Commonweal Sts, May 17th

Cairns & District: Eisteddfod Hall, 71 Greenslopes St, Edge Hill, June 7th

Townsville: The Salvation Army Auditorium (Thuringowa City), Beck Dive, North Condon, July 19th

Maryborough: Carrier Arms Hotel, 405 Alice Street, August 9th.

Please let SPELD Qld know if you are coming by phoning 1800 671 114 or 07 3394 2566, or emailing speld@speld.org.au

BEEF AUSTRALIA

Ticketing and registration forms for the first week in May are now available to download.

Whether it's the race meeting, the cattle sales, the industry forums, or the gala Beef Ball, there is something on every day of the event which showcases Rockhampton district to the world.

The School's Show Cattle Team will participate in the Led Steer competition, Brahman heifer exhibition, Junior Judges Trade cattle and Charbray School team judging.

See <http://www.beefaustralia.org/> for more information.

SCHOOL MUSICAL



PERFORMANCE DATES

Friday 4 August, 7.30pm: Opening Night
Saturday 5 August, 7.30pm: Saturday night, and
Sunday 6 August, 2pm: Matinee

FUNDRAISER

The Grammarian Theatre Council is having their major fundraising event "That's Entertainment" on Saturday 25th March, 2006 at 1.30pm to be held under the Spaceframe.

There will be a fashion parade with clothes from RUSH, an afternoon tea with raffles and a lucky door prize.

The afternoon will be hosted by the cast of Beauty and the Beast with entertainment by the students and the Rockhampton Grammar School Stage Band.

It promises to be an enjoyable afternoon and everyone is welcome to attend. It will be a concert style event so no table bookings will be available.

Tickets are \$7-00 for Adults, Pensioners \$5-00 and Students \$4-00.

SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS

The next newsletter, to be published Monday 27 March, will be the last for Term 1. The following newsletter will be published Monday 24 April, 2006.

In addition, the School's "Capricornus Quarterly" newsletter will be distributed during the holidays.

We welcome contributions.