

# Grafton Public School

## A Tradition of Excellence



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Term Calendar - [Click Here](#)

Term 4 Week 1: Wednesday 14th October

School Website - [Click Here](#)

### Brief But Important

\* Exciting news....COVID restrictions have eased slightly which allows us to plan **day trips for all of our students**. Notes regarding these excursions and any associated costs will be distributed to parents as soon as possible. Most excursions will tie in with current areas of study in class (Science, Aboriginal Studies, History, PE) and are still in the planning stage. A rough outline is as follows (however plans may change):

Kinder will enjoy the day at the Palmers Island Waterpark

Year 1 will bounce the day away at Springloaded in Coffs Harbour

Year 2 are hoping to visit the Alunmy Creek Museum for historical study

Year 3 will explore Yarrawarra and Sealy Lookout

Year 4 will head out Copmanhurst way for a rotation of activities including kayaking and art

Year 5 and 6 will travel down to the mouth of the river at Iluka, for a day of geography, science and visual arts activities. Small groups of students will travel each Wednesday in our minibus accompanied by Mr Keogh and Mr Craythorn.

We are also hoping that our traditional Movie Day will still happen in Week 9.

Attendance on each of these excursions will be dependent on appropriate school behaviour. Any student on a discipline level will not be able to attend.

\* **Attention Year 5 Parents:** Late last term Year 5 students took home a note regarding the selective class for high school in 2022. Applications are now open from Tuesday 13th of October till Monday 16th of November. Parents/carers interested must apply online at

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

The Selective High School Placement Test will take place on Thursday 11th of March 2021.

\* Notes on how to order this year's GPS Yearbook went home with each student late last term. A reminder that these orders are due back by the **4th November**. **No late orders can be taken as exact numbers have to be given prior to printing.**

The yearbook will contain many of the photographs taken during 2020 and the mini portraits of all students in each grade. Despite the pandemic, we still have lots of photos to feature. It is our intention that all students should be in the yearbook at least once.

\* Refunds for the Year 6/Performing Arts Excursion and the Independent Living Skills Camp have almost been completed by us. They are then processed through Sydney. If you have returned your **"Request for Refund"** form and have requested a transfer to a bank account, please let us know if you have not received your refund by the end of Week 2.

If you have not yet returned your "Request for Refund" form, please do so ASAP.

Deposits paid for the Year 4 Excursion have been "credited" back to the student as we are still hoping to hold this camp for this cohort of students early next year. If you do wish to use this credit for other school expenses or require a refund, please see the office.

## From The Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see our students return on Monday to commence Term 4. It's always lovely to hear their holiday stories and see their smiling faces.

This term we are able to get out and about a little more, with slight changes to the School Operations Guidelines and extra COVID19 Safety Plans allowing us to provide day excursions for all grades (information in another section of the newsletter). Kinder transition visits will commence for half days in Week 2, Year 7 transitions will commence after HSC examinations and we are currently looking at Year 6 Farewell and modified Presentation Day options. It is an ever changing space and we will do everything we can to provide opportunities for the students.

It has been difficult for the students to socialise out of school during COVID19 restrictions and some students took to social media to stay connected to friends. As mentioned in previous newsletters, we continue to have issues at school that have stemmed from Social Media and misunderstandings in the evenings and over the weekends. Some of the content in these exchanges has been highly inappropriate and whilst Primary aged children shouldn't be on social media due to age restrictions, if you are allowing your child to have an account, please supervise your child in using these platforms appropriately. Our P&C are currently researching an appropriate guest speaker to discuss Cyber Safety at a Parent Information night early next year. A good website for parents to access for more information and advice is:  
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

In Week 2 our Year 2 students will start transitioning to the Primary campus by heading across to the top playground for second half lunch play. Students will be involved in structured games with our senior students as mentors as well as free play in a designated area. On both campuses we have a number of lunch time play options including our GO Room (inside structured games), outside structured games on various days, computer lab (one day a week for each grade 3-6), Library (Primary Campus), sports equipment to borrow, chalkboard drawing competitions and some individual programs where appropriate and when required.

I am pleased to advise that our School Crossing in Queen St will be supervised by a qualified School Crossing Supervisor this term. I'd like to thank the school staff who assisted students in crossing this busy road before and after school when a replacement was unavailable in the last few weeks of last term.

Looking forward to another busy term,

Kind regards,

Miss Michelle McDonagh

Principal





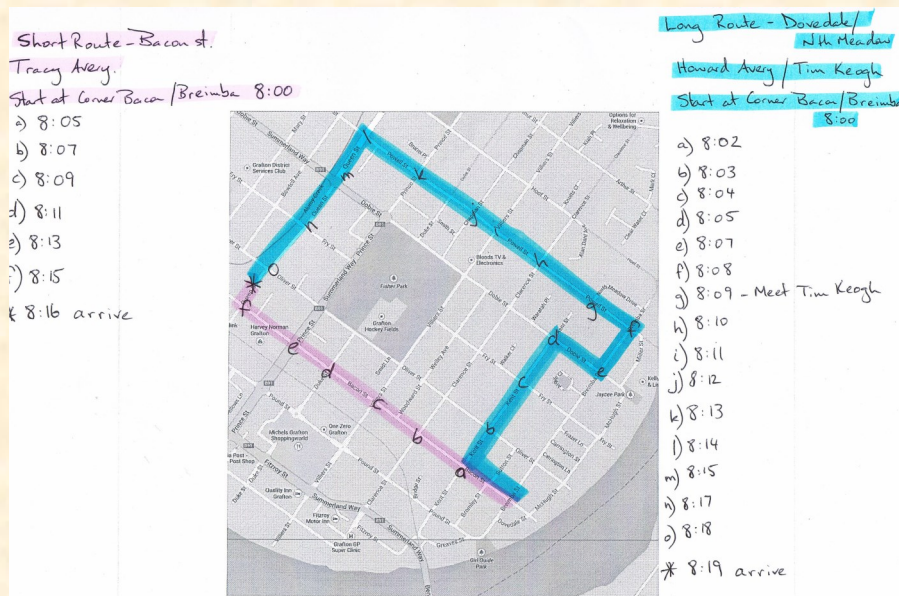
# Cycling Chronicles



Every Friday morning, GPS conducts a Bike Bus, being supervised riding of bikes to school. A return home service also operates. The teachers accompanying the children take all reasonable care to ensure the safety of the children. Parents and carers are welcome to join us for the ride.

## Vital information to get you going:

\* Bike Bus operates every Friday (weather permitting) If you are new to Bike Bus check out the map below so you know where to meet the gang. To be contacted about whether Bike Bus is on if the weather is questionable, please leave your mobile number with the front office.



## BREAKING NEWS!!!

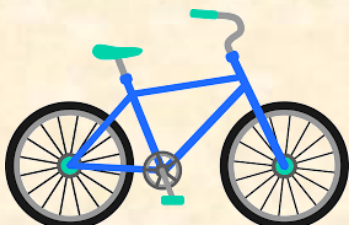
### BIKE BUS is BACK !

This Friday Bike Bus will resume normal operations. Please check out the map of the route to see if you live close by and try to meet us somewhere along the way.

## The GPS Bike Mechanic Program starts this week.

Those students who were lucky enough to be selected for the program should have received a note yesterday. More recruits will be invited as the program continues to grow.

**Please remember to lock up your bike or scooter at school and to always wear a helmet.**



The GPS cycling program is proudly supported by Grafton City Cycles





## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Art After School T4

Paint, draw &  
sketch

Yr. 5 - Yr. 8

6 x prerecorded lessons  
over 6 weeks  
3 live zoom sessions  
29th Oct - 3rd Dec

\$100 per child or  
NSW Creative Kids Voucher



### Paint, Draw & Sketch Yr 5 - Yr 8 with Cassandra Lyn-Palmer



This purpose built online course encourages strong foundational skills in colour mixing, composition and scale, painting, drawing and lots more. Over 6 weeks you will learn through practical step by step exercises to make your own artwork at your own pace, in your own space.

Using lots of visuals and movement, these easy to follow techniques will give students some wonderful ideas to try at home!

COST: \$100 OR NSW Creative Kids Voucher are welcome and all materials are included.



**OUR  
HEALTHY  
CLARENCE**

## Navigating Teen Mental Health AND ONLINE SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

**MENTAL  
HEALTH  
MONTH  
OCTOBER**




Join Our Healthy Clarence and The Black Dog Institute for a one hour presentation for parents and carers of young people.

Learn how to spot early warning signs of mental health issues, when and where to seek help and how to support a young person they care about.

To register, contact Giane on 6640 3800 or email [ourhealthyclarence@nsoa.org.au](mailto:ourhealthyclarence@nsoa.org.au)

**21st October 2020**  
**7.00pm - 8.30pm**  
**Grafton, Yamba,**  
**Maclean & Online**



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This activity is funded by Healthy North Coast through the North Coast PHN program

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screening  
van is in  
Grafton  
now.**



**Book online or call 13 20 50**

**7 Sep – 17 Dec  
2020**



We recommend women aged 50 - 74 have a mammogram every two years.  
Book your free mammogram online at [book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au](http://book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au) or call 13 20 50.



## COME AND TRY DAY



**YAMBA SLSC MAIN BEACH, SAT 24 OCT 10AM**



## GET INVOLVED IN YOUR LOCAL CLUB



INTERESTED IN DRIVING AN IRB, OPERATING A UAV, VOLUNTEERING AS A PATROL MEMBER, ROWING A SURF BOAT, LEARNING FIRST AID & CPR, BOARD OR SKI PADDLING, IMPROVING YOUR OCEAN SWIMMING, JOINING NIPPERS OR JUST LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR ORGANISATION, COME TO OUR OPEN DAY!





## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Family and Relationship Services - Term 4 2020

#### Managing Anger

Half-day Workshop  
9:30am-12:30pm  
Wednesday November 4  
CRANES - 11 Kemp Street GRAFTON  
This workshop provides information and strategies for managing anger and teaching children the safe expression of strong emotions.

#### After the Storm

6 Consecutive Thursdays



9:30am-12:30pm  
October 29-December 3  
CRANES - 11 Kemp Street GRAFTON

Clarence River Domestic & Family Violence Specialist Service and CRANES have partnered for this six week course to support those who are parenting after family violence.

#### Understanding your Child's Brain and How they Learn

9:30am - 12:30pm  
Wednesday October 28  
CRANES - 11 Kemp Street Grafton  
10:00am-1:00pm Wednesday November 18  
Trelands Drive Community Centre  
24 Trelands Drive YAMBA

This workshop provides parents with information about brain development through the ages and stages of a child's life and the links to emotions, behaviour and learning.

#### Tuning in to Teens

6 Consecutive Tuesday evenings



5:30-7:00pm  
October 29-December 1  
CRANES - 11 Kemp Street GRAFTON

A six week program designed to assist parents to communicate with their pre-teen/teenager and build stronger relationships.

#### Supporting Positive Behaviours at Home



9:30am-12:30pm  
Wednesday November 25  
CRANES - 11 Kemp Street GRAFTON

This half-day workshop discusses ways to positively guide children's behaviour in supportive and age appropriate ways. Learn practical tips to encourage the behaviour you want in your child.

#### Toddler Tantrum Toolbox

A half-day workshop that provides information and strategies on handling meltdowns and tantrums. Suits parents with children in the 2 to 7 age range.

10:30am-1:30pm  
Wednesday December 9  
Iluka Community Health  
Micalo & Duke Streets  
ILUKA



#### Circle of Security

7 Consecutive Thursday afternoons



1:30pm-3:00pm  
October 29-December 10  
CRANES-11 Kemp Street GRAFTON

CRANES' workshops are FREE of charge and can also be accessed ONLINE  
FREE Childcare is available

NOTE: To be eligible for our free workshops you must have a child in your care, seeking access to or restoration of a child or support someone who does.



## Understanding Your Child's Brain & How they Learn

### An insight into child development

Would you like to learn:

- How the brain develops
- What you can expect from your child at each stage of development
- How emotions develop and how they affect behaviour

28th OCTOBER 2020

9.30am to 12:30pm  
CRANES Training Room  
11 Kemp St GRAFTON  
Also available ONLINE



**Who is eligible:** Anyone with primary care or support role in the care of child or seeking access or restoration of a child.

**Cost:** FREE

**Childcare:** Available at no charge. Limited spaces, bookings essential.

**To register:** Contact CRANES (see below)

**About CRANES:** Please visit our website [www.cranes.org.au](http://www.cranes.org.au)

CRANES' Family Relationship Services is funded by the Dept. of Social Services

Ph: (02) 6642 7257 Email: [FaRS@cranes.org.au](mailto:FaRS@cranes.org.au)



Call CRANES for inquiries or to register  
(no referral necessary)

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**11am till 8pm**

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**FAMILY FUN Day out**

**OCTOBER 18TH**

**Fun Activities And Giveaways For The Whole Family!**

- Loads of giveaways
- Fun for the whole family
- Family Day Out, Face Painting,
- Prize Giveaways, Fairy Floss,
- Ice Cream, Helium Balloons, Popcorn
- Prices will be streamed live on Facebook and final prize at 6pm on the 18th Oct

**SUPPORTING LOCALS**

**Jumping Castle**

**Ice cream**

**Fairy floss**

**Giveaways: Prizes**

**CONTACT US**  
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South Grafton  
NSW

Go to our website to register for your chance to win  
[southernfriedgrillhouse@gmail.com](mailto:southernfriedgrillhouse@gmail.com)  
[www.southernfriedgrillhouse.com.au](http://www.southernfriedgrillhouse.com.au)

\* Giveaways while stocks last - Which include balloons, hats, cooler bags.