

Grafton Public School

A Tradition of Excellence



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Term Calendar - [Click Here](#)

Term 4 Week 2: Wednesday 21st October

School Website - [Click Here](#)

Brief But Important

* Excursion Updates:

Kinder can not visit the waterpark due to number restrictions so will be having a fun day of activities at See Park and in the school playground.

Year 1 are travelling to Springloaded on the 6th November.

The Year 2 excursion organisation has encountered quite a few "roadblocks" due to COVID restrictions, so is still in the planning stages.

Year 3 are exploring Yarrowarra and Sealy Lookout also on the 6th November.

Year 4 students are excited about their day trip on 12th November. They will be undertaking Aboriginal studies, fishing and kayaking.

The first of our Year 5 and 6 groups travelled to Iluka today on our minibus with Mr Keogh and Mr Craythorn. They enjoyed a fun educational day and hot chips for lunch.

* Highschool Transitions :

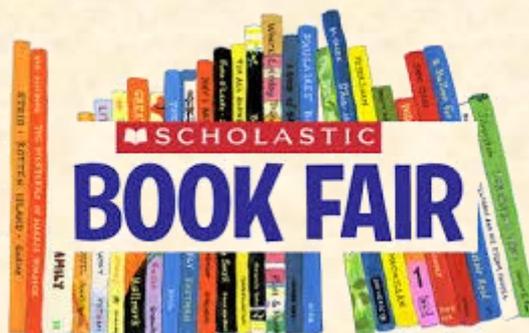
Grafton High school - Friday 13th of November (Week 4)

South Grafton High School - Tuesday 1st of December (Week 8)

Further information will be sent out via letters in the coming the weeks.

* Book Fair:

Our library is holding their postponed Book Fair in Week 4 of this term, from 2-6 November. With the restrictions to visitors on site, we will have to run this book fair a little differently. Each class will be visiting the book fair so the students can see what is available, and for the parents, we will be posting photos of books available on our Facebook site. There are many Wheelathon winners who have vouchers to spend at the Book Fair and it is also a timely opportunity for mums and dads to start their Christmas Shopping. More detailed information about the Book Fair will be distributed next week.



Catching The Bus

School Travel for 2021



2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2020 to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

New Concession Entitlement Cards

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
- Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to Transport for NSW at: <https://transport.nsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback>

Parents and Carers,

It's time to start the process of obtaining your child's bus pass for 2021.

Road Safety

Welcome to Carly our new School Crossing Supervisor for the Queen St crossing. Carly will be supervising the crossing before and after school and has been getting to know the students and meeting families crossing the road this term.

A friendly reminder to parents not to park in the bus zones on both campuses in the mornings and afternoons. The drop off zone in Mary Street is a one minute drop off zone and this is sometimes monitored by the parking inspector. Please ensure you don't leave your car if you are using the drop off zone.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Focus on New Fathers

A new service available to expecting and new dads

NSW Health has, for many years, provided parenting support, information and screening that has focussed on new mums. Now, we are trying to find better ways of offering the same kind of support to new dads.

There is a large body of research focused on the importance of the first 2000 days of a child's life, showing it is a critical time for development - physically, cognitively, socially and emotionally. What happens in the first 2000 days has been shown to have impacts throughout life.

Dads have an important role to play in their child's life, but unfortunately 1 in 20 dads will experience antenatal depression and 1 in 10 dads will experience post-natal depression. This service aims to assist fathers to feel confident and supported in their role. Through better supporting fathers, we are hoping to better prepare future generations.

The Focus on New Fathers pilot program has rolled out in four Local Health Districts, including the Northern NSW Local Health District. It is a free and voluntary service for fathers over the age of 18, from all cultural backgrounds. Once a father has enrolled through www.sms4dads.com, the father will receive regular text messages to assist with understanding how their baby is developing from their baby's point of view.

The messages focus on the fathers self-care, support to their partner and father-child attachment. The messages can start from as early as 16 weeks into the pregnancy and continue up until 24 weeks following the birth of the baby. The messages will also check in with how the father is feeling at times when parenting is extra challenging.

Fathers are able to withdraw from the service at any time. Those that have used the SMS4Dads service previously have found it to be incredibly valuable, with a previous participant saying

"the way the messages would pop up and sometimes the timing was just right to give you a boost or a smile amidst everything. Like a mate tapping you on the shoulder".



To sign up, go to www.health.nsw.gov.au/focus-on-new-fathers



'Will I be a good dad?'
Is a common concern amongst new dads and dads-to-be.

The Focus on New Fathers program provides a free text message based service called SMS4dads.

Free tips, tools and links - directly to dad's phone

To help new dads and dads-to-be navigate the changes, before and after the birth of their baby, NSW Health and the University of Newcastle have partnered to deliver SMS4dads.

Once new dads and dads-to-be are registered, they'll receive practical tips, tools and helpful links directly to their phone.

You're eligible:

- if you are 18 years or older
- if your partner is at least 16 weeks (four months) pregnant; or
- from your baby's birth until they are 6 months old.

For more information

visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/focus-on-new-fathers

Just wanted to say thanks for this project. The text messages have been invaluable and I couldn't have known just how much I needed to receive these short and helpful messages.

Registration is free and easy.

www.health.nsw.gov.au/focus-on-new-fathers



your library
your place

you're
invited

skateboard & scooter racks
THE BIG LAUNCH
4-5pm Wed 28 Oct
at Grafton Library

grab your friends, your board
& your library card
and roll over ...

free ice cream from the
I Scream cart

chalk painting

live deck painting by
local artist Kade Valja

10 padlocks to giveaway
(first 10 library members
with boards) join your library now

