

Grafton Public School

A Tradition of Excellence



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Term Calendar - [Click Here](#)

Term 4 Week 7: Wednesday 25th November

School Website - [Click Here](#)

Brief But Important

* Excursion Updates:

Notes are currently out for the Kindergarten "Teddy Bears Picnic" excursion, the movie day for all grades K-5 and pool party day for Year 6. An order form will be distributed to all students K-5 this week offering a lunch special for movie day.

* Library News

It's the time of the year when we need to check under beds and in cupboards for the books that haven't made it back to the library as yet. There are many students who say that they can't find their library book. However, after a good search they usually appear.

We ask that all books are returned to the library by the end of this week in readiness for the annual library stocktake.

A reminder that the orders for the final Book club of the year are due back by this Friday 27th November.

* Christmas Appeal

Our annual Christmas appeal to assist local charities help families in need commences on both campuses from tomorrow. We are asking for donations of grocery items and these may be left at either office. This item may be edible or an everyday household essential such as soap, shampoo or toothpaste, but please no out of date products or perishable items. You may choose to donate small gift items such as coloured pencils, matchbox cars, hair ties etc but there is no need for these to be wrapped as they will become a part of the hampers.

The appeal will close Friday 11th December, when hampers will be assembled from all of the donated items using COVID-safe practices.

* Kindergarten 2021

The last of our Kinder Kritters sessions, for littlies joining us for "big school" next year, is scheduled for tomorrow from 9.30 am to 2.30pm.

If you have a little one ready to start Kinder next year, and haven't already done so, please collect an enrolment pack and enrol ASAP. If you have neighbours, relatives or friends who you know have a pre-schooler ready for Kinder, please let them know that the enrolments should be finalised as soon as possible. Please note that you are only guaranteed enrolment at Grafton Public School if you reside within our catchment "zone". Out of zone applications are taken but we cannot confirm enrolment until late in the year,

From The Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Infants - New Fence in 2021

Early next year secure high fencing will be installed around the Infants Campus in Mary Street. This has been an issue for a number of years that our P&C and staff have worked hard to achieve. There will be more information to parents and students as this project progresses. As safety is our number one concern, we are looking forward to a more secure playground for our K-2 students who are still learning basic road safety in these early years.

Mary Street Crossing

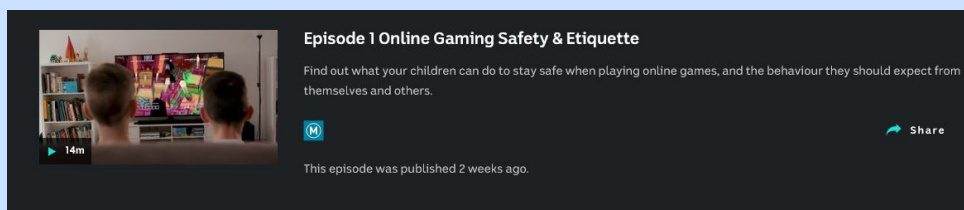
We have once again applied for a School Crossing Supervisor on the Mary Street Children's Crossing between the two campuses. This is a heavily used area in the mornings and afternoons and unfortunately not all drivers are following the correct road rules. Students K-6 are taught Road Safety and K-2 students cross this road with their class weekly when they visit the Primary campus and attend library lessons. However, even with the class lessons and explicit lessons crossing the road, parents still need to be assisting their child in grades K-2 across this road in the afternoons if parking across the road from the school. Alternatively, parents can collect students in the 1 minute kiss and drop parking in Mary Street or students can cross the road with a School Crossing Supervisor in Oliver Street if parents wish to park opposite the Infants playground in Oliver St. Next week Mr Avery and I will meet with the Road Safety Education Officer to look at other road safety options. We will also continue to submit regular requests for Mary Street to be staffed with a School Crossing Supervisor. Please be particularly aware of students and families when driving around the school zones.

Inclusive

Grafton Public School is a school that welcomes students from a number of diversities and communities. This cross section of diversity provides for a rich and welcoming environment within our school. As a community we encourage our members to fully support our model of inclusion and welcoming. Our school uses Positive Behaviour for Learning as the focus of our school STAR values. One these key concepts is that of tolerating differences. By this we mean that as a school community we accept and welcome that Diversity is an integral part of our lives in Australian society and we honour this acceptance by treating all members of our community in respectful, inclusive and equitable ways. These are values we strongly role model as part of our school and hope that as part of our school community families respect and support these rights afforded to all . Should you find that you encounter a diversity represented in our school that you do not understand please do not hesitate to contact a member of the school executive to discuss your questions. We welcome the opportunity to create a space for improving our school community to one which excels at inclusion, dignity, equity, and respect.

Help! My Kid is a Gamer!

The ABC has a series on ABC iView called 'Help! My Kid is a Gamer'. In the second series, experts discuss how children can lead a [healthy gaming life](#). The series also covers topics including online safety and etiquette; the influence of gaming YouTubers; what it's like to have a career in eSports and more. Each episode is only 14 mins long and would be an interesting watch with your child in Grade 5 or 6 so you could then discuss the content after viewing the show.



Kind regards,
Michelle McDonagh
Principal

Scholarships on Offer

As we move into the final stages of the year we are preparing for our virtual Presentation Day which is on Thursday, 10th December, at the Saraton Theatre. There are several scholarships on offer for Year 6 2021 students, including the Marie White Scholarship and the Riverside Church Scholarship. Scholarships offer current Year 5 students \$150 towards their Year 6 education expenses such as stationery, textbooks, school uniform and clothing, tuition and/or excursions.

Scholarship Criteria: All current Year 5 students may apply for these scholarships. These are all-rounder scholarships available to students who have a proven record of consistent academic achievement and positive school participation. Evidence of participation in the wider school community should be provided along with evidence of academic achievement. Specific achievement in co-curricula areas will also be recognised. The application is to be no more than a total of two pages which addresses: Personal Attributes; School and Community Citizenship; Academic Achievement; Other Information; and a personal handwritten answer to: Why I deserve a scholarship.

Scholarship Process: The scholarships are assessed following the review of the application and supportive material and an interview. Students are expected to maintain their interest, work effectively and behave appropriately in order to maintain the scholarship. If the student transgresses this expectation, the scholarship panel will meet to review the suitability of the student maintaining the scholarship.

Applications should be addressed to Miss McDonagh and close on Tuesday 1st December, with interviews on Thursday 3rd December.

P & C Christmas Raffle

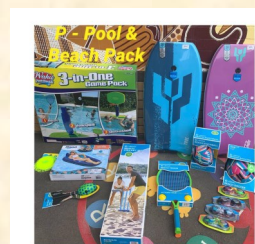
Over the next couple of days, students will bring home a booklet of tickets to sell for \$1 each in the P & C Christmas Raffle. When a ticket is sold, the buyer can choose which prize they would like to be in the running for: G, P or S. Once the major prizes are drawn, the tickets are combined for drawing the numerous runner-up prizes.

Which pack would you like to win.....

G - Gadgets (Adult and child fit bit)



P - Pool and Beach Pack - a variety of pool and beach equipment to keep all the family entertained this summer



S - School Ready Pack - vouchers to local business to get everything you need for the 2021 school year. Vouchers from Lowes, Athletes Foot, Target and Red Hot Hair.

The Christmas Raffle will be drawn on Friday 11th of December.

Please note: Unfortunately there was an error on the raffle tickets. The "S" prize is definitely a School Ready Pack but has been printed as a Sporting Pack on the tickets by mistake





The Tunes for Trish event in our school playground last weekend was a lovely evening of entertainment and raised close to \$4200 for the Winters family. Thankyou to all of those who came along and the organisers would like to extend a huge thankyou to sponsors for their support.

Thankyou to the following sponsors who have supported Tunes for Trish.



Grafton District Services Club GDSC

GDSC Butchery



Farmer Lou's

Hanks Kitchen



Naeco Blue

Saraton Theatre



Body Shop

Woolworths





Movie Day Lunch Order special from the canteen.

Community Notices

2020 SUMMER VACATION CARE PROGRAM

CONTACT INFORMATION
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Office Hours: 8:30am to 4:30pm



Thurs 17 December to
Mon 25 January

Before School, After
School & Vacation
Care for the North
Coast

HOURS OF OPERATION
7.00am – 6.00pm
MONDAY TO FRIDAY
During School Holidays & Pupil Free days

On all excursion days children are required to be at the centre no later than 8:45am and will return by approx. 4:00pm.
Transportation is provided in our bus or van depending on bookings.
Risk Assessments available upon request.

"WHAT TO BRING EVERYDAY"

All Children are required to bring a hat, water bottle, sunscreen, appropriate footwear and healthy lunch / snacks.

In winter warm clothes and socks are required each day.

In summer swimmers, sun/rash shirts, swim aids (if required), towel and plastic bag are required each day. Personal electronic devices are prohibited.

Please label all clothes. Spending money is optional!

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR VACATION CARE

To book please scan the QR code on the back of this program to be taken directly to our booking form. Alternatively, go to our website at www.communityoosh.com.au and click the purple box titled "Vacation Care Bookings & Program"

VACATION CARE BOOKINGS CANNOT BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE OR BY TEXT MESSAGE. OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO BOOKINGS BEING ACCEPTED.

Your booking requests will be confirmed by email. Please check that you receive the confirmation from us within 2 working days of submitting. The minimum notice required to cancel a Vacation Care booking where no charge will apply is 1:30pm the working day before your booking. Please note that weekends and Public Holidays are Non Working Days. All bookings not cancelled by this time will be charged at full fee.

FEES: Depending on the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) and activity hours a parent is entitled too, the out of pocket costs to parents can range from a few dollars to the full rate shown below. To find out more about the Child Care Subsidy please visit at <https://www.education.gov.au/ChildCarePackage>. The table below shows the full fee with no Child Care Subsidy along with an example of the out of pocket expense where the highest rate of Child Care Subsidy is applied.

Your fee will vary depending on your own CCS rate and activity hours you receive. Unlike some providers, Community OOSH Services strive to put you and your children first, providing the highest quality care for the lowest possible price. Please note excursions are at an additional cost and vary depending on the excursion. The cost on each excursion are shown on the next page and these costs will have your CCS % applied to substantially reduce excursion costs.

2020 Fee Structure at Full Rate before the application of any CCS %		Example of Approximate out of pocket expenses at 85% CCS	
Vacation Care	\$56	Vacation Care	\$11.20
Sample Additional Excursion Cost	\$16	Sample Excursion CCS Applied	\$3.20

GRAFTON SUMMER PROGRAM

Mon 25 Jan 2021 EXCURSION GRAFTON POOL The Grafton Pool, and waterslides are calling us on a sunny day! So come along for a glorious day of wet and wild fun as we swim, splash and play! EXCURSION COST \$10	Tues 22 Dec EXCURSION CARNIVAL CAPERS They're back! By popular demand, the Jetty Carnival is again opening in the afternoon JUST FOR US!!! "Carnival here we come!" EXCURSION COST \$15	Wed 23 Dec IN CENTRE "JUST ADD WATER!" We know we have to look after it, BUT... We also know how to have fun with it! Wet & wild fun with water bombs, water pistols, slip & slides, giant bubbles & more! EXCURSION COST \$6	Thurs 17 Dec EXCURSION MOVIES "THE WAR WITH GRANDPA!" The battle for Peltier's Bedroom descends into a "war" of practical jokes and pranks! Then off for a picnic and A swim. COST \$15 (includes popcorn & drink) EXCURSION COST \$15	Fri 18 Dec EXCURSION WATER PARK Summer sliding fun awaits at our favourite Big Banana Water slides. (Optional \$2 jolly bags available) A picnic at the beach reserve tops off a great day of fun! EXCURSION COST \$15
Mon 21 Dec EXCURSION "POKEMON GO!" Attention all Trainers!! The hunt is on! Come with us today to the hidden places that conceal the bravest and brightest Pokemon characters for you to capture and add to your stable! EXCURSION COST \$5	Tues 29 Dec EXCURSION GRAFTON POOL The Grafton Pool, is calling us on a sunny day! So come along for a glorious day of wet and wild fun as we swim, splash and play! EXCURSION COST \$10	Wed 30 Dec EXCURSION MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR Join us on the ultimate scavenger hunt to exotic places unknown! A fantastic day of fun awaits with prizes and hot chip sandwiches for lunch. EXCURSION COST \$6	Thurs 31 Dec IN CENTRE "NEW YEARS EVE PYJAMA PARTY" It's the year we'd all rather forget so put on your PJs and lets put 2020 to bed! We'll celebrate the approach of a better and brighter 2021! Loads dancing, prizes and fun!!!	Fri 1 Jan NEW YEARS DAY Public Holiday
Mon 4 Jan EXCURSION MOVIES - "THE CROODS 2 - A NEW AGE!" When the Croods meet the Beemans, a "New Age" of fun begins! Then off for a picnic and A swim. EXCURSION COST \$15 (Includes popcorn & drink)	Tues 5 Jan EXCURSION HOLEY MOLEY Back by popular demand! We're off to the Coffs Golf Range to learn the basics of chipping, putting, driving and FUN! Hole in one...here we come! EXCURSION COST \$15	Wed 6 Jan IN CENTRE "PRACTICAL JOSES & PRANKS" The "Bottom Belcher Mach II" is back! (We know the last one was confiscated!) We've also got brand new tricks and pranks that will drive everyone nuts!!!	Thurs 7 Jan IN CENTRE "THE CAVEMAN CLUB" How would you like to try living like the "CROODS"? Grab your STONE and step back in time with us to the STONE AGE for a riotous day of NEOLITHIC fun!	Fri 8 Jan EXCURSION CARNIVAL CAPERS By popular demand, the Jetty Carnival is again opening in the afternoon JUST FOR US!!! Fantastic value for money! "Carnival here we come!" EXCURSION COST \$15
Mon 11 Jan EXCURSION SPRING LOADED Rock climbing, sponge pits, trampolining, and the ultimate Ninja "wipe-out" course! THEN a picnic lunch at a reserve with fun, games and a swim. EXCURSION COST \$15	Tues 12 Jan EXCURSION - COAST WALK & MARINE SCIENCE CENTRE Join us for a lot of beachcombing From Pink Beach to Hills Beach we'll take in the sights and visit the Marine Science centre along the way! EXCURSION COST \$15	Wed 13 Jan IN CENTRE - IN-CURSION "TROPPO TROPPO B" Our good friend Tropo B is back to weave his particular kind of magic! He'll perform for us in the morning and then he's going to stay for the day and open up his bag of tricks! EXCURSION COST \$6	Thurs 14 Dec EXCURSION SURF SAFARI SURF SCHOOL Learn how to Hang 5, 10 & even 20 (if you're really clever)! Spend the day at Woopi Beach surfing, playing & having fun. Perfect skills for the Australian lifestyle! EXCURSION COST \$15	Fri 15 Dec IN CENTRE "THE TREEHOUSE SERIES" "THE TREEHOUSE SERIES" it started out at 13 Storeys in 2013 and now it's hit 130storeys in 2020! Crazy fun and games today as we bring Andy Griffiths madness to life!
Mon 18 Jan EXCURSION WOOP! RAINFOREST WALK Explore the Australian bush & waterfall and enjoy the tranquil delights of this hidden gem on the mid north coast! Bring water / river shoes for the crossings. EXCURSION COST \$5	Tues 19 Jan EXCURSION MOVIES - "PETER RABBIT 2" Peter takes his mischief out into the big wide world but soon his family come to bring him home. Then off for a picnic and A swim. EXCURSION COST \$15 (Includes drink and popcorn)	Wed 20 Jan IN CENTRE - S.A.S. "Who Dares Wins" It's the motto of the elite Special Air Service who can turn "lounge lizards into elite athletes" and "rough potatoes into Consummate Professionals!" Pay Attention! Today it's your turn!	Thurs 21 Jan IN CENTRE "THE SCIENCE OF STUPID" (IT'S SCIENCE, STUPID!) Whatever way you say it, the facts are simple. Landing a "360" is brilliant! Landing a "342" hurts...a lot! Today we delve into bio-mechanics of "why your body, and other machines, work!"	Fri 22 Jan EXCURSION CARNIVAL CAPERS Last chance before they leave us! By popular demand, the Jetty Carnival is again opening JUST FOR US! "Carnival here we come!" EXCURSION COST \$15