

# Grafton Public School

## A Tradition of Excellence



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Term Calendar - [Click Here](#)

Term 4 Week 8: Wednesday 2nd December

School Website - [Click Here](#)

### Brief But Important

#### \* End of Year Update:

Notes are due back this week for all end of year activities, Year 6 Pool Party, Year 6 Farewell, K-5 Movie Day and Movie Day lunch orders.

Movie Day is Monday 7th December for all children Kinder to Year 5. Year 6 will be having some fun at the pool on the same day.

The Year 6 Farewell will be held on Thursday evening, 10th December.

A modified GPS Presentation Day will be held on Thursday 10th December. To comply with COVID-safe guidelines, only Years 5 and 6 and the award winners will be able to attend with a small number of staff. We will be videoing the ceremony and taking lots of photos, which will all be uploaded to our Facebook site as soon as possible after the event. As always, Presentation Day will celebrate the achievements of students at Grafton Public School during 2020. Class and grade awards will be presented along with Dux 2020, Sportspersons of the Year 2020 and the 2021 School Captains announced.

#### \* Christmas Appeal

Our annual Christmas appeal to assist local charities help families in need has commenced on both campuses. 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 This item may be edible or an everyday household essential such as soap, shampoo or toothpaste, but please no out of date products or perishable items.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 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.

#### \* School Banking:

The last day for school banking for the year will be Tuesday 8th December. Thankyou to our small group of volunteers who have persevered with the banking throughout this unique year.

#### \* Uniforms:

Our second hand uniform clothing pool is getting very low. If you are having an end of year clean out and wish to get rid of uniforms which are now too small for growing children, please consider donating them to our clothing pool. Uniforms for the clothing pool can be left at either office.



## COVID Safe Summer Pack

As we come closer to the end of the school year, we'd like to extend our thanks to you, our parent community, for demonstrating so much resilience and patience towards the circumstances we faced together. We strived together to get the best outcomes for our students despite the pandemic and you have stayed by our side the entire time. Thank you again.

We will be sending a COVID-safe summer pack to each student before the year ends. The contents of the pack will help students maintain healthy hygiene practices and to stay COVID-safe during the school holidays.

Here are some quick tips to help you and your families stay COVID-safe during the school holidays:

- \* Encourage your children to use their packs whenever they leave the house
- \* Meet outdoors whenever possible and wear sunscreen
- \* Meet in small groups
- \* Encourage good hand hygiene practices and remind your children to cough and sneeze into their elbow



Keep up-to-date with the latest health information by monitoring the [NSW Government website](#)<sup>External link</sup>

From all of us at Grafton Public School, be safe and enjoy the school holidays.

## P & C Christmas Raffle

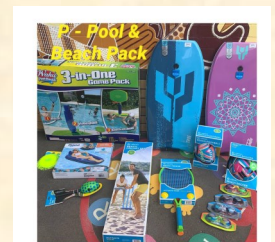
P & C Christmas Raffle tickets are \$1 each. When a ticket is sold, the buyer can choose which prize they would like to be in the running for: G, P or S. Once the major prizes are drawn, the tickets are combined for drawing the numerous runner-up prizes.

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 (\$300), Athletes Foot (\$300), Target (\$100) and Red Hot Hair haircuts.

Please ensure tickets and money are returned by Thursday 10th December.

**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*





## Thankyou from the P & C

As a token thankyou to families for their continued support and as a small treat for the festive season, our P & C have arranged with our canteen that every student will receive a cupcake for afternoon tea next Friday 11th December.

Thankyou to the P & C Committee for this kind gesture.



## Community Notices

### 2020 SUMMER VACATION CARE PROGRAM

**CONTACT INFORMATION**  
Ph 0466 306 220 or 6658 9757  
Email: admin@communityoosh.com.au  
Website: www.communityoosh.com.au  
Office Hours: 8:30am to 4:30pm



Thurs 17 December to  
Mon 25 January

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

In a world game mad  
with rules & regulations,  
we help kids be kids

**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 swimwear, sunbath 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](http://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 [www.education.gov.au/Child-Care-Subsidy](http://www.education.gov.au/Child-Care-Subsidy). 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 serve to pay 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

<p><b>Mon 25 Jan 2021</b></p> <p><b>EXCURSION GRAFTON POOL</b> 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</p>	<p><b>ATTENTION ALL PARENTS COVID PROGRAM CHANGES</b></p> <p>At the time of writing a lot of our venue providers are trying to function upon the constantly shifting sands of their own industry's restrictive Covid practices. This makes the advance programming of our activities a treacherous task. Please be understanding of any last minute program alterations or changes that are beyond our control.</p>	<p><b>Use the QR code below to book at Grafton Centre</b></p> 	<p><b>Thurs 17 Dec</b></p> <p><b>EXCURSION MOVIES</b> "THE WAR WITH GRANDPA" The battle for Peter's Bedroom descends into a "war" of practical jokes and pranks! Then off for a picnic and a swim. COST \$15 (includes popcorn &amp; drink) EXCURSION COST \$15</p>	<p><b>Fri 18 Dec</b></p> <p><b>EXCURSION WATER PARK</b> Summer sliding fun awaits at our favourite Big Banana Water slides. (Optional \$2 lolly bags available) A picnic at the beach reserve tops off a great day of fun! EXCURSION COST \$15</p>
<p><b>Mon 21 Dec</b></p> <p><b>EXCURSION "POKEMON GO!"</b> 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 squad! EXCURSION COST \$5</p>	<p><b>Tues 22 Dec</b></p> <p><b>EXCURSION CARNIVAL CAPERS</b> 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</p>	<p><b>Wed 23 Dec</b></p> <p><b>IN CENTRE "JUST ADD WATER!"</b> We know how we have to look after it, BUT... We also know how to have fun with it! Wet &amp; wild fun with water balloons, water pistols, slip &amp; slides, giant bubbles &amp; more! EXCURSION COST \$6</p>	<p><b>Thurs 24 Dec</b></p> <p><b>IN CENTRE "CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN"</b> The fat old bloke in the red suit is coming tonight and it's our job to keep you out so you go to bed early!!! Loads of last minute Christmas crafts, cooking, games and fun!</p>	<p><b>Fri 25 Christmas Day</b> <b>Public Holiday</b></p>
<p><b>Boxing Day</b> <b>Public Holiday</b></p>	<p><b>Tues 29 Dec</b></p> <p><b>EXCURSION GRAFTON POOL</b> 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</p>	<p><b>Wed 30 Dec</b></p> <p><b>EXCURSION MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR</b> 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</p>	<p><b>Thurs 31 Dec</b></p> <p><b>IN CENTRE "NEW YEARS EVE PYJAMA PARTY!"</b> It's the year we'll all rather forget so put on your PJs and get up 2020 to best view celebrate the approach of a better and brighter 2021! Loads dancing, prizes and fun!</p>	<p><b>Fri 1 New Years Day</b> <b>Public Holiday</b></p>
<p><b>Mon 4 Jan</b></p> <p><b>EXCURSION MOVIES - "THE GROOMS 2 - A NEW AGE!"</b> When the Croods meet the Beethovens, a "New Age" of fun begins! Then off for a picnic and a swim. EXCURSION COST \$15 (includes popcorn &amp; drink)</p>	<p><b>Tues 5 Jan</b></p> <p><b>EXCURSION HOLEY MOLEY</b> Back by popular demand! We're off to the Co's Golf Range to learn the basics of chipping, putting, driving and FUN! Hole in one... Here we come! EXCURSION COST \$15</p>	<p><b>Wed 6 Jan</b></p> <p><b>IN CENTRE "PRACTICAL JOKES &amp; FRANKS"</b> The "Bottom Belcher Mock" it's back! (we know the last one was confiscated!) We've also got brand new tricks and pranks that will drive everyone nuts!</p>	<p><b>Thurs 7 Jan</b></p> <p><b>IN CENTRE "THE CAVEMAN CLUB!"</b> How would you like to by living like the "CROCODIS"? Grab your CLUB and step back in time with us to the STONE AGE for a riotous day of NEOLITHIC fun!</p>	<p><b>Fri 8 Jan</b></p> <p><b>EXCURSION CARNIVAL CAPERS</b> 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</p>
<p><b>Mon 11 Jan</b></p> <p><b>EXCURSION RIPPING LOADED</b> Rock climbing, sponge pits, trampolining, and the ultimate "Nepi" "wet-out" contest! THEN a picnic lunch at a venue with fun, games and a swim. EXCURSION COST \$15</p>	<p><b>Tues 12 Jan</b></p> <p><b>EXCURSION - COAST WALK &amp; MARINE SCIENCE CENTRE</b> Join us for a bit of beachcombing From Park Beach to Hills Beach we'll take in the sights and visit the Marine Science centre along the way! EXCURSION COST \$15</p>	<p><b>Wed 13 Jan</b></p> <p><b>IN CENTRE - "INCURSION" "ELCOPPO BIKATRY"</b> Our good friend Trappo Bob is back to weave his particular kind of magic! First 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</p>	<p><b>Thurs 14 Dec</b></p> <p><b>EXCURSION BUSBY SAFARI BURE SCHOOL</b> Learn how to Hang 5, 10 &amp; even 20 (if you're really clever)! Spend the day at Widge Beach surfing, playing &amp; having fun. Perfect skills for the Australian lifestyle! EXCURSION COST \$ 15</p>	<p><b>Fri 15 Dec</b></p> <p><b>IN CENTRE "THE SCIENCE OF STUPID!" or "IT'S SCIENCE"</b> Whatever way you say it! The facts are simple. Lending a "300" is brilliant! Lending a "340" isn't... so let today be the day you learn the mechanics of "why your body and other machines work"</p>
<p><b>Mon 18 Jan</b></p> <p><b>EXCURSION - WOOP! RAINFOREST WALK</b> Explore the Australian bush &amp; wetlands and enjoy the tranquil delights of this hidden gem on the mid north coast! Bring water / lunch shoes for the crossings. EXCURSION COST \$5</p>	<p><b>Tues 19 Jan</b></p> <p><b>EXCURSION MOVIES - "PETER RABBIT 2"</b> 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 &amp; popcorn)</p>	<p><b>Wed 20 Jan</b></p> <p><b>IN CENTRE - S.A.S. "Who Dares Wins!"</b> It's the motto of the elite Special Air Service who can turn "rough terrain into elite athletes" and "couch potatoes into Consummate Professionals" Pay Attention! Today it's your turn!</p>	<p><b>Thurs 21 Jan</b></p> <p><b>IN CENTRE "THE SCIENCE OF STUPID!" or "IT'S SCIENCE"</b> Whatever way you say it! The facts are simple. Lending a "300" is brilliant! Lending a "340" isn't... so let today be the day you learn the mechanics of "why your body and other machines work"</p>	<p><b>Fri 22 Jan</b></p> <p><b>EXCURSION CARNIVAL CAPERS</b> By popular demand, the Jetty Carnival is again opening JUST FOR US!! "Carnival here we come!" EXCURSION COST \$15</p>

## KIDS CHRISTMAS CRAFT AFTERNOON

FOR KIDS AGED 5-15

**TIME:** 3.30 - 5.30pm  
**PLACE:** 116 OLIVER ST STREET, GRAFTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
**COST:** \$12/CHILD \$18/FAMILY COVERS GINGERBREAD HOUSE CRAFT & AFTERNOON TEA  
**CONTACT:** JAMES ON 0402 354 099

**FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

STRICTLY LIMITED TO 20 PARTICIPANTS, REGISTER VIA MESSENGER OR MOBILE  
COVID-SAFE PRACTICES IN PLACE

