

Grafton Public School

A Tradition of Excellence



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Term Calendar - [Click Here](#)

Term 4 Week 9: Wednesday 9th December

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Brief But Important

* Presentation Day

A modified GPS Presentation Day will be held tomorrow 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 the year. 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 will be closing on Friday 11th December. 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 This item may be edible or an everyday household essential such as soap, shampoo or toothpaste, but please no out of date products or perishable items.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. Please keep those donations coming in.

* P & C Christmas Raffle

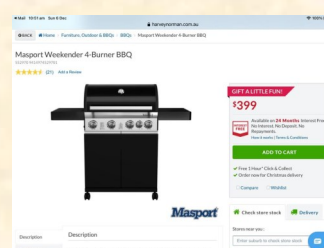
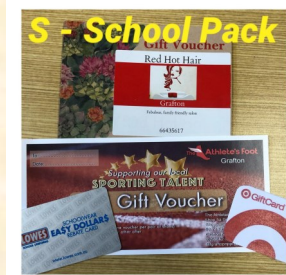
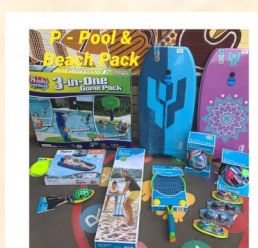
Have you returned your raffle tickets yet???? The P & C Christmas Raffle will be drawn this Friday so tickets need to be returned as soon as possible. There are some awesome prizes to be won.

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.

Runner Up prizes: An amazing Christmas Cake from Cathy's Cakes and a BBQ from Harvey Norman



Brief But Important (Cont)

* Yearbooks

Our yearbooks have arrived and look fabulous. They will be distributed to students over the next few days.



* Refunds:

We have had many students who have paid for end of year activities, such as the movies, but they were unwell and were absent on the day. When something like this occurs, the amount paid is placed in credit for that student and connected family members. This credit, termed "Fees in Advance", can then be used for any future expenses.

* Office Open

Our school office on the Primary Campus will be open on Monday 25th January 2021, from 8.30am to 3.30pm, for any new enrolments or enquiries.

A "New Year Newsletter" will be uploaded to our website and emailed to parents early in January.

This will be our last newsletter for the year.

The last day of school for 2020 for all students is next Wednesday 16th December.

The first day back for all students in Years 1-6 in 2021 is Friday 29th January.

Kindergarten will commence on Wednesday 3rd February.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we look forward to Presentation Day where we acknowledge our Year 6 students graduating from their Primary schooling, our Year 5 students gaining leadership roles in 2021 and our special award winners from each grade. Whilst we can't hold this event as we usually would with parents and other special guests, we will still be making it special for all the students. Videos and photographs will be posted on our school Facebook page for families to watch at home.

Our Year 6 Farewell Dinner will take place on Thursday night with Covid-19 safe guidelines. This means a quick drop off of all Year 6 students at the front of Grafton High School's MPC (Hall). This student and teacher event will still be made special with all the usual speeches, dinner, disco and photo booths but no family members will have any access to inside the hall.

We ask that photographs be taken at home or another venue before driving to Grafton High School. Staff will be taking photos inside the event which students will have access to before the end of the school year.

Thank you to all our amazing families for the on-going support during the operational changes this year. 2020 was definitely a very different year for us all but to date the Clarence Valley has been exceptional with keeping Covid safe.

Please enjoy your family time over the school holidays and stay safe.

Kind regards,

Miss Michelle McDonagh

Principal

Special Thanks!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support throughout the year.

It has been a tough year however the co-operation between our school and its community certainly enhances the opportunities for the students, making Grafton Public School a happy and caring environment.

We would also like to offer a special thankyou to the following businesses who never hesitate to support GPS even during tough times. Please support them as they have supported us!



GDSC
Notaras and Sons Pty Ltd
Computer Troubleshooters
Coles
GJ Gardner Homes
I Scream
Lowes
Commonwealth Bank
Athletes Foot
Cathy's Cakes
The Saraton Theatre
Harvey Norman
The Hub
Northland Coach and Travel
Red Hot Hair
Grafton City Cycles
Junction Hill Nursery
Clarence Valley Conservatorium
Grafton Mall Butchery
Woolworths
The Daily Examiner
Village Green Hotel



Our deepest apologies if we have missed someone.
We have such wonderful community support from so many local businesses.

Special thanks to our parents and families for supporting their child's education at GPS. We wish all of our students and families a very happy and safe Christmas holiday!

Canteen News

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 this Friday 11th December.

Infants students (K-2) will enjoy their cupcake just before recess and Primary Classes (Years 3-6 plus Support Unit) will collect their treat after lunch for afternoon tea.

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



The canteen at the Infants Campus will be closed for the rest of the year and will only be open for lunch and recess orders.

Primary Canteen will be open until the end of term.

