

Grafton Public School

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Term 2 Week 10: Wednesday 1st July 2020

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* Our new website is going live today. If you go to the old site, you will be automatically re-directed to the new site. Please then update any bookmarks or favourites you may have saved.

We value the opinions of our school community and welcome your feedback. If there is something you would like to see on our website, please let us know by contacting the office and they will pass the information on.

* We have been asked by Grafton High School to please remind parents of students going into Year 7 at GHS in 2021, that enrolment forms must be completed and dropped into their office ASAP.

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next term we have been given approval for school banking to resume. School banking will recommence in Week 2 and the arrangements will be the same as before all the COVID changes. School banking day is Tuesday.

Thank you to our P&C members who joined our online zoom meeting last night. Next term we are hoping to resume face to face P&C meetings from August. At this meeting the new Wellbeing Guidelines will be presented to the P&C from the Wellbeing Strategic Directions Team and there will possibly be an AGM (to be confirmed). Our P&C meets at 6:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month in the school library.

We were very excited to have a Department film crew here this morning capturing footage to use in an Education Week special release. When we know full details of this project, we will update you further.

The staff at Grafton Public School would like to wish our families a wonderful and safe holiday. It has without a doubt been a big term. We hope you all find some time to relax with your loved ones.

Kind regards
Michelle McDonagh
Principal



We are having a fun day on the last day of term to reward our awesome students. All students K-6 are invited to come to school in their comfortable pyjamas. Many teachers are arranging fun activities during the day and as an extra treat the canteen is having a lunch special.

An important reminder for our pyjama day : for safety reasons, students must still wear school-appropriate, covered footwear which is suitable for playground play.

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NEWSLETTER OF: THE UNIT, CLARENCE VALLEY

THE UNIT is a Technology Club where high functioning kids on the Autism Spectrum can explore their technology interests at their own pace in a safe environment, with support from professional I.T. mentors.

THE UNIT is not a classroom. THE UNIT provides a social venue where kids can blend in, be understood and not be judged.

'SOCIAL CONNECTION THROUGH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY'



THE UNIT Clarence Valley operates under the auspices of The New School of Arts Neighbourhood House Inc (NSOA).

'UNIT' REPLACES 'LAB'

We have used the recent recess of The Lab Grafton to review and restructure how our program is delivered, with the following changes:

- We have severed our ties with The Lab Network, Melbourne.
- We have renamed 'The Lab Grafton' to 'THE UNIT, Clarence Valley'.
- The New School of Arts Neighbourhood House Inc has taken us under their wing and we will now operate under their auspices.
- These changes have allowed us to reduce our running costs. When combined with the anticipated significant funding provided under to auspices of the NSOA, participation in THE UNIT will come within the reach of most family's budget.
- Fees will be payable direct to NSOA, with NSID payments acceptable and Service NSW Creative Kids Vouchers redeemable.

SESSION FEES REDUCED

The benefits of these changes include:

- Session fees will be reduced.
- We are awaiting final figures on level of sponsorship/support/grants before we can announce what the new session fee rate will be. However the discount is anticipated to eventually be 'significant'. (A big thank-you to the Management and Staff of the NSOA).
- The way that sessions are run remains the same.

"How lucky are we to live in such a wonderful community!" - Bob and Jan Carnaby

'THE UNIT' STARTS TERM-3

THE UNIT sessions will commence from the first Saturday in Term-3, on 25th July 2020.

The usual two sessions are back on offer, with the first session from 9 to 11am and the second session from noon to 2pm. Please note the new venue (noted on page 2 of this newsletter.)

THE UNIT Clarence Valley

The views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of The NSOA.

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THE UNIT would like to acknowledge the Bundjalung, Gamilaraygin and Yarrigi peoples, the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and work.

Venue Change

We have relocated to the 'roomier' main hall of NSOA, on the corner of Skinner and Spring Streets. The amenities are a great improvement. And the parents-room is a much brighter and open area. The main hall also accommodates social distancing requirements. As well as the previous rooms served us, I have to say that I will not personally miss the cramped and tired conditions etc of the old building.

Fees Paid and in Credit

When Covid-19 caused the suspension of Lab sessions during Term-1, there were three sessions to go. Fees, paid in advance, have been held in credit and will be honoured at the new session rate (to be advised) when THE UNIT sessions recommence. This includes fees paid by cash, NDIS or by Creative Kids Vouchers.

We Need Some Volunteers

Any parents / carers who may wish to volunteer to play an admin role during their child's session will be welcomed. The role will include maintaining attendance records and some overseeing of the general running of THE UNIT sessions. If you can give us a hand, (whether on a regular or irregular basis; one session or two), please call Bob on 0419 610 917 asap.

Funding From Community Grants Hub

We have been able to purchase some brand-new laptop computers which we will use as 'loaners' at THE UNIT. This opportunity was made available by a grant of \$5,000 from the Federal Gov't's Community Hub Grants scheme - a big thank you to our local Federal MP, Mr Kevin Hogan.

Many of our kids do not have access to a laptop, so these 'loaners' are vital to the delivery and growth of our unstructured social development program.

Harvey Norman of Grafton has provided us with significant discounting which has allowed us to purchase 9 Lenovo laptops to our spec. We will take delivery of these laptops later in June or early July 2020.

New Registrations Welcome

Young people between the ages of 9 and 17, who are *considered to be high functioning on the autism spectrum, are invited to register to be part of THE UNIT technology club.

Call Bob on 0419 610 917 or email b.carnaby@bigpond.com to register.

THE UNIT is operated under the guidelines of the NSW Office of the Children Guardian.

* No diagnosis is required. No referral is necessary.

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