

Grafton Public School

A Tradition of Excellence



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Term 3 Week 7: Wednesday 2nd September

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Book Character Parade was great!

Last Friday at Grafton Public School, Elmo was the school crossing guard, Big Bird taught Kindergarten, the Cat in a Hat sat in the Deputy Principal's chair and Emma Wiggle taught Year 1. It was the fun and mayhem of our annual Book Character Parade. The playground was full of princesses, superheroes, ninjas, Mr Men and lots more, even Paddington Bear and a Paper Fairy. Each year the costumes are becoming more creative and we seem to have a greater number of students joining in.

A HUGE thankyou to all students, staff and parents for the enthusiasm and effort put into the creation and making of costumes for last week's parade. The imagination and skills of our parents never ceases to amaze us. Overall, it was lots of fun and a wonderful day was had by all! We have posted hundreds of photos on Facebook.



Wheelathon

A reminder that Wheelathon money is due back by Monday 14th September.

There are some great prizes to be won. The highest fundraiser of the school will receive a new bike. Every child that returns their sponsorship form will go into the draw to win a Kids Fitbit. The highest fundraiser in each grade will receive a \$20 Big W Wish Card. Any student that raises over \$50 will have the choice of a sporting ball (soccer/football/hockey/netball) or a \$10 Book Fair Voucher. The class on each campus site which contributes the highest amount of money will receive a free pizza lunch party. The runner up class will receive a special morning tea. The class on each campus with the highest number of sponsorship forms and money returned by Monday 14th September will receive the Participation Award being an after lunch ice cream treat.

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Events

Whilst it has been difficult to hold any of our usual events with the Covid-19 strict guidelines, we have been looking for opportunities wherever possible. Our wonderful parents, extended families and community haven't been able to attend but we are trying to still provide modified opportunities to the students where possible. We hope you enjoy looking at the photographs from our events on our Facebook page. Whilst we try to capture every student who has permission to be published, some children don't want a photograph taken at times whilst others are more than willing to jump in front of the camera and ask for an extra pic!

Our Wheel-a-thon was a fabulous event and although we had to modify arrangements to space children out and make tweaks due to the no-parent volunteer rules, the students had a great day and learnt some valuable bike and road safety from the local bike police. Our Book Character Parade was also a little different with grades spaced out and no visitors, but again the students had a fabulous day dressing up as their favourite characters.

Our sporting matches against South Grafton and Westlawn Public Schools have been a great way for our seniors to shine, exercise and meet some new friends they might go to high school with in the future. We have soccer, basketball and Netball still to come. The sportsmanship between all the students from the three schools has been exceptional.

A huge thank you to staff for organising these school and sporting events and for completing the additional compliance paperwork, logistics and cleaning of external venues that is required to gain approval for these events. Unfortunately we are unable to run a Father's Day stall this year but appreciate all the work our P&C have done in planning for this. In 2021 there will be fabulous Mother's and Father's Day stalls!

P&C

Next Tuesday evening, our P & C are going to hold their next meeting via zoom. P & C executive have been in touch with most regular attendees. If you wish to be included in the Zoom P & C meeting and have not been contacted, please advise the office. All welcome.

Kind regards,

Miss Michelle McDonagh

Principal

Happy Fathers Day for Sunday to all of our GPS dads. We hope you have an awesome day.



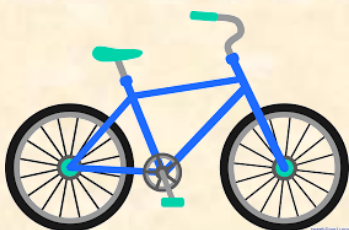


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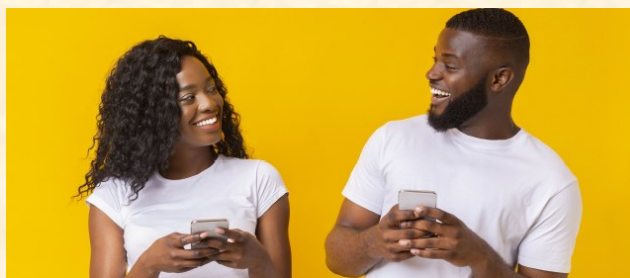


It was wonderful to see so many children bring their bikes and scooters to school for the Wheelathon a couple of weeks ago. During the day some of the bikes and helmets required a little attention to help keep their owners safe. Please regularly check your child's bikes and/or scooters and helmets. If you're not sure how to make repairs, see your local bike shop. Have a look at this poster as a guide for what to check.

For a more detailed checklist click on the link below:
<http://www.troop125ny.org/library/Outings/bike%20hike/BMPBicycleSafetyInspectionChecklist.pdf>



Community Notices



Texts4families

Free text messages for families supporting children on the autism spectrum

Are you a parent or carer of a child on the autism spectrum? Would you like to learn more about autism and ways to support your child?

You will receive 2-5 texts per week, for 10 weeks, you can text STOP at any time.

Texts start 1st September 2020.

To be involved, send a message saying 'TEXT' and your preferred language to, 0427 485 410

by the 25th August 2020



Languages available: Simplified Chinese, Vietnamese, Hindi, Arabic, Korean & English



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GHS Sheep for Sale by Tender

Details: 1 wether (Black Dorper x White Dorper)

1 ewe (White Dorper with female lamb at foot)

Tender forms available from Grafton High School office.

Tenders must be delivered to Grafton High School by 18th September 2020.

To be sold as a group – no individual sales.

Please see/phone Mr Kelemec for details and tender forms.

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