

# Grafton Public School

A Tradition of Excellence



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Term 3 Week 9: Wednesday 16th September

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## Wheelathon Success

Well done team Grafton Public School. Our Wheelathon raised over \$10,000 for the school to purchase new resources and items. One of the first things we are going to purchase are some new class sets of novels and readers for our literacy lessons across all grades.

5/6BT and KB were the highest fundraising class on their campus and they will be receiving a pizza party next Monday. Runners-up 2AC and 4JD will be treated to a morning tea made by the lovely canteen ladies. 1NG, 6LS and K-6LC and K-6LJ have won themselves an ice cream treat for after lunch on Monday with the most returned sponsorship forms. Well done to everyone who made the day a great success!!

Individual prizes will be given out next week for those students who were the highest fundraiser in their grades, a special prize for the person who raised the most amount of money and a raffle draw prize of a fitbit to anyone who returned their sponsorship forms. Who will the lucky students be? Find out next week!!

## BREAKING NEWS



### GRAFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BIKE MECHANICS



Next term GPS will be running a bike mechanics program one lunch time per week with Mr Avery, to teach students simple bike repair skills and revamp old bikes to donate within our school and wider community.


If you have a spare bike lying around in your garage (that you think would be suitable for the program), we will be collecting bike and scooter donations. We will also be collecting donations of bike repair tools.

We want our students to learn new skills, pay it forward, promote bike safety and encourage pedal power!



And.... Bike bus will be starting up on the first Friday of Term 4. Woo hoo!!!!

Mr Avery is so proud of all of the students who have been riding or walking to school over the past few months.

This program is proudly supported by 

## From The Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Smart Watches, Phones and Social Media:** Just a reminder to our families that smart watches are not to be used by students to take calls, send texts or take a photograph or video at school. We have had issues with students illegally recording other students and staff on smart watches. Please keep smart watches at home where possible as they are not required at school. For students who bring mobile phones to school, these are to be taken straight to the front office each morning for safe storage and can be collected in the front office at the end of the school day. There are no reasons for students to have a phone on their person or in their school bag during the school day.

Every day our staff are continuing to deal with issues that occur beyond the school gates due to Tik Tok, Instagram, Snap Chat, online gaming conversations or incidents at the Skate Park. Please remember children under 12 should not be connected to online social media platforms and if they are, parents need to monitor accounts and ensure privacy settings are on. After a large number of incidents at the Skate Park and other local parks recently between 8-16 year olds, it is highly advised that any Primary aged children are supervised by an adult in these after school settings.

**Bike Mechanics:** We were excited this week to launch our new Bike Mechanics program. We really appreciate the early community support for this program which will commence next term. Bike and tool donations can be left at either front office or with staff on morning and afternoon gate duties.

Kind regards,  
Miss Michelle McDonagh  
Principal

## Sports Days

Next week will be an exciting week of sport for all students K-6.

On Tuesday, our K-2 Infants students will enjoy their annual "Sports Day" which will involve class races, championship races and rotational games activities such as egg and spoon races, sack races and tunnel ball.

As 2020 was supposed to have been an Olympic year, each Infants Class has been given a country to research and represent. There will even be a special Opening Ceremony to start the day.

Due to COVID restrictions, we were unable to hold the traditional Primary Athletics Carnival, so on Wednesday, Stages 2 (Years 3 and 4) and Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) will each participate in a half-day celebration of sports. Each stage will spend half a day participating in a range of sporting activities and games.

All students K-6 are encouraged to wear their house shirts and are reminded to bring a hat and water bottle, have applied sunscreen, and have packed recess (and lunch if not ordered).

The canteen's Sports Day Special lunch orders are due back as soon as possible. The lunch special will run on both days for the applicable students. The Primary Canteen will operate as usual on Tuesday.