

# Grafton Public School Newsletter



**A Tradition of Excellence**

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Term Calendar - [Click Here](#)

Term 1 Week 2: Friday 5th February 2021

School Website - [Click Here](#)



The School Photographer will be at our school on  
Thursday 25th and Friday 26th February.

Photo envelopes have been sent home with students this week.

Orders must be returned to class teachers any day prior to photo day. As some of these envelopes were pre-printed late last year, we ask parents to please ensure that all current details on the envelope are filled in (for example class).



School banking will  
recommence for the  
year next Tuesday  
9th February



**DON'T FORGET!**



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
orders are due:

Friday 19th February

## Library News

Bookclub issue 1 for 2021 is now available.

Cash orders are due back to the library by  
**Friday the 19th February, Week 4.**



Buy a book from

**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
to help build  
our classroom  
resources

## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Kindergarten

On Wednesday our Kindergarten students had their first day of school and they looked great in their school uniforms. All students had an individual first day of school photograph taken and if permission was granted, these are available on our school Facebook page. We have been impressed with how settled the Kinder students have been and look forward to watching them progress throughout the year. We would like all Kinder parents to attend our Kinder parent information evening as you will have the opportunity to meet the Kinder team and executive as well as find out more about the programs we run and how you can support the learning journey for your child at home. Details of the date and time for this information evening will be in our next newsletter.

### P&C

On Tuesday 9th February we will hold our first P&C meeting for the year. Our meetings commence at 6:30pm in the School Library on our Primary Campus in Queen Street and go for approximately 1-2 hours depending on upcoming events and items on the agenda. We would love to see some new faces join our hard working P&C team.

### Swimming Carnival

Yesterday our students from grades 3 to 6 plus some exceptional 8 year old swimmers from Year 2 competed in our school swimming carnival. It was a lovely sunny day and all students either participated in competitive races or novelty events. It was a hive of activity at the Grafton pool complex and the student behaviour was exceptional. The sportsmanship shown between students as well as the passion towards supporting their sporting houses is to be commended. A huge thank you to Mrs Philp and the PSSA team for organising the event.

### Changes to Primary Sport Day

From next week, students in grades 3-6 will participate in grade sport every Friday. This means students are to wear their sports uniform every Friday. As the students participate in physical activity in the playground most days, black joggers can be worn all week.

### School Photos

Please check school bags this afternoon for School Photo envelopes and other notes.

Have a great weekend

Kind regards,  
Miss Michelle McDonagh  
Principal

The first P & C Meeting for the year is Tuesday 9th February, starting at 6.30pm in the school library. All welcome! The P & C would particularly like to extend an invitation to all of our new parents to come along and learn about what this important group within our school accomplishes.

## School Fees

All students are currently being invoiced all applicable fees. An invoice will be issued for each student in the coming weeks and then posted home.

This invoice will outline to parents the majority of fees applicable for the entire year. We have included school fees, textbooks, fees for extra curricular activities such as band, choir or dance and a deposit payment for our major excursions (further excursion payments for the major excursions will be applied as the excursion gets closer and costings finalised.)

Payment can be made in cash, cheque, by EFTPOS at our Primary office, or online through our Parent Online Payments link on our website. If you wish to pay the invoiced fees one at a time, all at once or make a payment plan of a certain amount each fortnight that is fine. To arrange such a payment plan, please speak to Jo or Miss Karen in the office.





## BALANCING THE LUNCHBOX

A free 20-30 minute Zoom session covering lunchbox ideas, inspiration, tips and tricks. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions to our lunchbox team.

**Sessions will run:**  
Feb 16th at 5pm  
Feb 18th at 9:30am  
Feb 24th at 12:30pm



Register via <http://bit.ly/virtuallunchbox>

## South Grafton Rebels Junior Rugby League



We welcome all new and current players to attend our upcoming

## Registration Days

Excited to announce we have female tackle beginning this season. We'll be running some drills and Skills sessions from 4pm-5pm Being held on the 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> of Feb @ J.J Lawrence Fields.

You need to register online at <https://www.playrugbyleague.com/register>

### Mixed Tackle:

- Mini & Mods (6 - 12) - \$100

### Male Tackle:

- Internationals (13 - 18) - \$100

### Female Tackle:

- Internationals (13 - 16) - \$100



Registered active Kids provider

**No experience needed. No weekly fees.**

For more information "Like us" on Facebook @SGRJRL

Or contact President Rod Gallagher ph. 0428241974 or Secretary Erin Gallagher ph. 0477845736 - Email [ez1010@live.com.au](mailto:ez1010@live.com.au)

## THE UNIT

Clarence Valley Technology Club

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

(No diagnosis or referral required)

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

**2-Hour Sessions each Saturday.  
New School of Arts, South Grafton.**

**For ages 9 to 17**

**Phone or text: 0419 610 917  
Email: [b.carnaby@bigpond.com](mailto:b.carnaby@bigpond.com)**

(NDIS and "Creative Kids Voucher" Friendly)

## Bringing Up Great Kids



### Overview

Bringing Up Great Kids is a reflective, mindful, respectful program that provides parents with an opportunity to reflect on their parenting journey.

Bringing Up Great Kids provides a friendly and safe environment for parents to learn from each other as they continue their parenting journey.

### Program Content

The Bringing Up Great Kids' program supports parents and carers to:

- learn more about the origins of their own parenting style and how it can be more effective;
- identify the important messages they want to convey to their children and how to achieve this;
- learn more about brain development in children and its influence on their thoughts, feelings and behaviour;
- understand the meaning behind children's behaviours, and how to respond to children's underlying feelings and needs;
- explore new ways of communicating with children;
- discover ways for parents to take care of themselves and to find support when they need it.

**Date: February 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, & March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm**

**Where: CRANES, 11 Kemp St GRAFTON**

**Contact: 66427257**

**Name: Amy & Skye**

**Email address: [fars@cranes.org.au](mailto:fars@cranes.org.au)**



## Community Notices



Free support for parents of children with disabilities - [www.mytime.net.au](http://www.mytime.net.au)



**MyTime** groups provide support for mothers, fathers, grandparents, and anyone caring for a child with a disability or chronic medical condition. It's a place for you to unwind and talk about your experiences. It's a world away from appointments and therapy.

### It's support for you

- A skilled facilitator will be on hand to provide guidance for parents adjusting to their child's diagnosis
- Regular guest speakers and help finding resources relevant to your needs
- While you meet a play helper is on hand to engage your child

**WHERE:** CRANES Training Room, 11 Kemp St Grafton

**WHEN:** Each Monday (Not during school holidays)

**TIME:** 9.30 am -11.30 am

To register contact Skye Pullen on 6642 7257 or email [spullen@cranes.org.au](mailto:spullen@cranes.org.au)



An Australian Government Initiative

MyTime is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services, and nationally coordinated by the Parenting Research Centre.

[www.cranes.org.au](http://www.cranes.org.au)



### Play netball in 2021!

After a challenging year in 2020, Grafton Netball Association would love to see you back in 2021!

Sign on days:

- February 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>
- 12pm-2pm
- Bacon St netball courts

Alternatively, for 7yrs + please contact one of our clubs:

**Northside Netball Club**  
Michelle 0467336194  
[Mboorman83@gmail.com](mailto:Mboorman83@gmail.com)

**City Netball Club**  
Carlie 0439403038  
[c.jbullen@gmail.com](mailto:c.jbullen@gmail.com)

**S&S Netball Club**  
Rhee 0419981511  
[rhee\\_1996@hotmail.com](mailto:rhee_1996@hotmail.com)

**Grafton Rhinos Netball Club**  
Sandra 0407493376  
[sjhastings7@yahoo.com.au](mailto:sjhastings7@yahoo.com.au)

For 4-7 yrs we have the Net Program.

'Come and Try' days: March 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> - 12:30pm

Register online through [www.graftonna.nsw.netball.com.au](http://www.graftonna.nsw.netball.com.au).

For further information contact Brooke 0437426070 or check out our Facebook page.

Active Kids Sports voucher accepted by all clubs and for the Net program.

## Get real-time trip info and digital timetables for school buses



Getting your child to and from school has never been easier.

Real-time trip information is now available, and there are a range of trip planning tools you can use on the go.

Choose from a range of easy-to-use apps and online tools that work with phones, tablets, smart devices, and even voice assistant technology. Or just hop on a computer.



**Trip Planner**  
Visit [transportnsw.info/trip](http://transportnsw.info/trip) to use the trip planner tool in your web browser



**Opal Travel app**  
Download the official Opal Travel app to your phone or device



**Facebook Messenger**  
Send a travel query to our Facebook Messenger bot and get an instant reply – search for 'NSW Public Transport - NSW GOV' to start your chat



**Google or Alexa**  
Ask Google Assistant or Amazon Alexa to 'talk to Transport NSW' to plan a trip

Or try one of many handy third-party apps – visit [transportnsw.info/apps](http://transportnsw.info/apps) to find an app that suits your needs



Access school bus timetables and get real-time trip updates – anywhere, any time.



Get information about real-time delays and planned service changes so you're always in the know.



Use interactive maps to see where and what time your child's school bus will stop – so you know when it's on the way in the morning, when it has arrived at school, and what time it'll drop them off in the afternoon. That means less time waiting at the bus stop and less worry about when they'll be home.

### Trip Planner tips

1. Go to [transportnsw.info/trip](http://transportnsw.info/trip)
2. Enter an address, point of interest, bus stop name or ID or choose 'My current location' as your starting point
3. Enter the school name as the end point
4. Refine your search to get an accurate plan:
  - Change to 'Least walking' or 'Fewest changes'
  - Ensure 'School bus' is turned on. Turn off other modes if you only want to see school buses (this applies to the Opal Travel app as well).
  - Reduce 'Connecting with public transport walking time' from 20 minutes to 5 minutes.





## Community Notices



### Registration Days 2021

- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 4-6pm @ Grafton Primary School Hall
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 10-2pm @ Grafton Shopping World

Classes held Tuesdays



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Contact Justine on 0431 470 552 or [graftonphysie@bigpond.com](mailto:graftonphysie@bigpond.com)  
or visit or [www.graftonphysie.com](http://www.graftonphysie.com)