

A Tradition of Excellence

Grafton Public School Newsletter



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Term Calendar - [Click Here](#)

Term 4 Week 5: Friday 5th November 2021

School Website - [Click Here](#)

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and carers,

As communicated in an email to you this morning and also on our school facebook page, I would like to confirm with you that a member of our school community has tested positive for COVID-19.

We were notified at 8:34am this morning that our school was non-operational effective immediately for the on-site attendance of students and staff to allow time for contact tracing. I would like to thank our wonderful families for promptly and calmly collecting their children this morning at such short notice and our students who were exceptionally well behaved. I would also like to thank our GPS staff for calmly supervising the students outside and assisting in the safe, socially distanced collection of students.

**All staff and students are asked to self-isolate until you receive further advice.
There is no requirement to get a COVID-19 test at this time unless you are unwell.
Please note: 2021 Kindy Kritters participants are excluded from this advice.**

NSW Health has requested anyone who has been unwell or if you develop any symptoms such as a fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell/taste, muscle/joint pains, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting or extreme tiredness to be tested at one of the [COVID-19 testing clinics](#).

Further information about COVID-19 is available on the [NSW Government website](#).

The NSW Department of Education will continue to work closely with NSW Health to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff is maintained.

The safety and wellbeing of our staff and students is of paramount importance to us at all times. As such we will continue to work closely with NSW Health to ensure that all necessary health advice is adhered to.

While we recognise this will be disruptive and inconvenient for families, it is important that we follow NSW Health advice and take all necessary precautions to minimise the risk of further transmission to support our community.

During this time, learning from home resources will be available from the [learning from home hub](#).

Thank you for your ongoing support. We do not know when the school will be operational at this stage and as soon as we are provided with updates, we will share this information with families.

Michelle McDonagh
Principal



School Leadership Nominations for School Captains and Prefects

It is now that time of the year when the school community decides who will represent the school next year as our leaders. The children have been discussing the characteristics of a good leader. The children can begin to focus on their own qualities and come to a very important decision, Do I have what it takes to lead my school well?

To be eligible – The following criteria must be met within the classroom and playground:

- Positive behaviour record (not more than TWO detentions throughout the year; no Wellbeing levels; limited negative behaviours; no Suspensions) over the duration of the Year 5 school year.
- Full school uniform, including school hat, to be worn consistently (refer to GPS Uniform Policy guidelines)

We would like you to discuss further with your child the importance and hard work involved in this responsibility and also, the rewards and satisfaction they will receive by being a school leader.

After you have spoken together and decided that your child would make a good leader, both child and parent will need to sign the self nomination form being sent home this week. Please return the nomination for School Captain note before the due date as no forms will be accepted after this date.

Year 5 students will also have the option for other leadership positions next year such as House Captain, House Vice Captain, Library Monitors and SRC Representatives.

GPS P & C MOVIE FUNDRAISER



Notes went home with students last week for our P & C Movie Fundraiser. Books of 5 tickets @ \$60 each are available for you to watch the movies of your choice, just in time for the school holidays. All family members can use them at this great price. They have a 3 year expiry so you can watch any time or keep for gifts. Ask family, friends and neighbours if they would like a book too!

Please return the order form with our child to the box in the front office by Friday 26 November. Tickets will be handed out in Week 10. The GPS P & C Committee thanks you for your support.

Year 6 into 7 Grafton High School Visit



On Friday our Year 6 students were very excited to participate in some Taster lessons at Grafton High School as part of their transition program for High School.

The students thoroughly enjoyed engaging in a variety of lessons including music, science, art, geography and PE.

Green Level Rewards

Grafton PS have been implementing a new wellbeing policy and a "Green Level Rewards Day" this year. Every child will be entitled to attend rewards day on a point scale system each school term. At the beginning of each term rewards will be announced at school and we will look to publish these reward recipients in the newsletter in the future. Student voice will be important and SRC will take class suggestions to a SRC meeting the term before for suggestions of activities.

Students start each term with the maximum of 40 Star points. Each week students are given a score out of 4 based on the GPS STAR Values (Set a good example, Tolerate Others; Always do your best and Respect everyone). Marks can be changed each week depending on a student's behaviour. Students may have points deducted for detentions, behaviour levels or classroom incidents.

Students who:

- Receive 40 star points can select any activity in the table.
- Receive 39 points will participate in the 39-40 point activity
- Receive 38-34 star points can select any activity in the 38-34 bracket or any activity in a lower point bracket
- Receive 33-26 star points can select any activity in the 33-26 bracket or any activity in a lower point bracket
- Receive less than 25 star points can select from 25 points or less list only.

GREEN LEVEL REWARD

TERM 4 2021 K-2

39-40 points: Movies at the Saraton

38-34 points: Disco

33-26 points: Make and Create or Outdoor Chalk Drawing

Less than 25 points: Board games

HOW MANY POINTS WILL YOU GET?



Any student who receives 40 STAR points in one term will go into a draw to have a lunch party with Ms McDonagh



GREEN LEVEL REWARD

TERM 4 2021 YEARS 3-6

39-40 points: Movies at the Saraton

38-34 points: Disco

33-26 points: Art and Craft Session or Paper Plane Competition

Less than 25 points: Board games

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Please help out - Recycled Materials

The infants campus is looking for recycled household items to be brought to school.

Things like food boxes, clear soft drink bottles or cylinders.

Later in the term some students may select the make and create Green Level Reward activity.



Reminders

Year 5 Families

Your child has taken a note home explaining the procedures to apply for the Selective High School Class at Grafton High School. Please return this form to school if you wish to nominate for this class in 2023.

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2023 open on 19 October 2021 and close on 17 November 2021 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>. If you have any further questions, please call the school and speak with Mrs Fletcher on 6642 1000.

The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th November at 6.30pm in our Library.
All welcome, please come along!



Placement in selective high schools for Year 7 entry in **2023** Information for applicants

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 in 2023?

You must apply online at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>



Key Dates

Application website opens:
19 October 2021

Application website closes:
17 November 2021
You must apply before this date.

Test centre and test authority advice released:
24 February 2022

Selective High School placement test:
10 March 2022

Placement outcome expected to be released:
8 July 2022

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

There may be changes to the procedures in this document.

Check the website at education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc regularly for updates throughout the application and placement process.

Please check the website for information before you contact the Team.

After applying, you will be able to log into your application dashboard to change details and send and receive messages.

The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team. It is referred to as 'the Team' in this document.

Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education
Email: applied@nsw.edu.au
Telephone: 1300 880 367
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/772251106301086/>

Community Notices



I AM A
GIRL
I CAN DO
ANYTHING
COME
N
TRY

GRAFTON BASKETBALL FUN FREE GIRLS SKILLS SESSIONS

SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2021
300 POWELL ST
2:00PM - 4:00PM
AGE 6-15YRS

SIGN UP NOW

<https://www.bnsw.com.au/i-am-a-girl/>



3X3

**IBA 3X3
GRAFTON**
4TH DECEMBER
10AM - 1PM
PCYC GRAFTON

SIGN UP NOW

www.bnsw.com.au/events

Program Partner:



Nippers

**WITH COVID
SAFE MEASURES**

Minnie Water Wooli SLSC 2021/2022 Season

For further information please contact Peter Ingenillem, Junior Activities Coordinator, Nippers Program, Minnie Waters Wooli Surf Life Saving Club on 0427426977

Sunday Nippers & Events

Westlawn Cricket Club! Register NOW~ Come join a team at Westlawn Cricket Club.

2021 season will kick off 1st week of November.



Head to the webpage ↑ and register
with Westlawn Cricket Club.



**Don't make them wait
for the match on the
beach at Christmas.
SIGN THEM UP NOW!**



**YOUR SECOND ACTIVE
KIDS VOUCHURE IS
AVAILABLE NOW**

***JUNIOR CRICKET IS NOT ALL WEEKEND! We play the 20-20 Big Bash
format! U10s Saturday Mornings 9-11.30am, U12s Friday
afternoons 4pm & U14s Thursday afternoons 4pm.***



**ACTIVE
KIDS**

NSW



Season Update MIXED OPEN

**Year 7/8
Year 4/5/6
Year 3 under**

**Wednesday 1st DECEMBER
JABOUR Park**

grafton.nswtouch.com.au

Community Notices



PCYC
GRAFTON

**EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE
AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

REGISTERED PROVIDER

ACTIVE KIDS
CREATIVE KIDS

**AT PCYC GRAFTON WE OFFER A WIDE
VARIETY OF AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

THESE INCLUDE:

- LEARN TO PLAY -
- NETBALL, BASKETBALL & VOLLEYBALL
- GYMNASTICS
- PARKOUR
- TRAMPOLINING
- TUMBLING
- BOXING

To find out more contact us on 02 5622 4020
or email grafton@pcycnsw.org.au



OUR KIDS and their SCREENS

1st December
10am - 12:30pm

With Christmas coming many parents are considering digital technology for their children. This workshop is designed to build your confidence when communicating with children and setting boundaries around technology. We will discuss pre-teen and teen development, cyberbullying and social media.

Livable - 11 Kemp St Grafton

Phone: (02) 66427257

Email: FaRS@livable.org.au

FREE childcare - Booking Essential

Livable Family and Relationship Services is funded by the Dept. of Social Services

The Athlete's Foot

In Partnership with
GRAFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

**SUPPORTING LOCAL SPORT
FOR OVER 40 YEARS**



**PODIATRY ENDORSED
SCHOOL SHOES**



The School Rewards Program is a great fundraising opportunity, with \$5 from every pair of shoes purchased being donated back to your school.

This applies to the whole family across our fantastic range of school, sports, work and casual shoes.

Ask one of our friendly staff in store for more details!

*Visit www.theathletesfoot.com.au/school-rewards for more details



School Rewards

NOW THAT'S **FIT**

Grafton

02 6642 8812

DADS AND THEIR KIDS



**18TH NOVEMBER
5:30PM - 7PM**

In this one-session workshop we celebrate fathers and discuss the important role a father has with their children. We will provide information on ways to connect, communicate and strengthen relationships.

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