

A Tradition of Excellence

Grafton Public School Newsletter



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Term Calendar - [Click Here](#)

Term 4 Week 4: Friday 29th October 2021

School Website - [Click Here](#)

Kindergarten 2022

With the postponement of the Jacaranda Festival and the official change of the Jacaranda Thursday Public holiday, we are able to host an extra **Kindergarten Kritters session** from 12pm to 2.30pm on **Thursday the 4th of November**. Drop off and pickup will be at the Oliver St gate of the Mary St Campus (opposite the High School) with NSW Health and Department of Education COVID guidelines in place. We hope to see all of the children's smiling faces.

GPS P & C MOVIE FUNDRAISER



Notes went home with students yesterday 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.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

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



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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

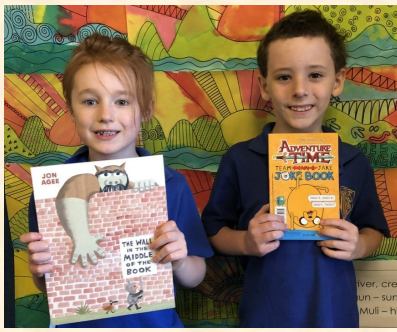
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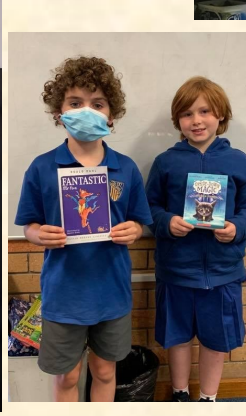
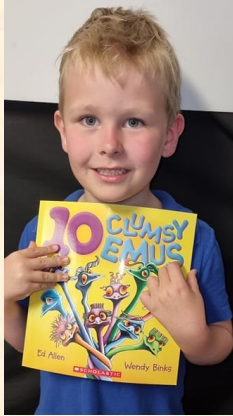
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Winners are grinners

**Congratulations
to our winners in each class for
their Book Character Costume.
Well done and Happy reading
boys and girls!**



Noticeboard and reminders

Just like any other business or service, there are set operational hours for schools. Please remember that Grafton Public School opens at **8:15am** and no students should be on school grounds prior to this time each morning. At **8:15am** the school is open, the Infants front gate will be unlocked and supervised by a member of staff, and staff will be on duty at the Primary campus.

No supervision is provided prior to school opening times.

If you require before school care prior to the school opening, OoSH is available off site and their contact details are:

Community OoSH Services
295 Hoof Street, Grafton
0466 654 746

admin@communityoosh.com.au or go to <https://communityoosh.com.au/>

Reminder for 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/>

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.



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

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



GRAFTON

**EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE
AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**



**REGISTERED
PROVIDER**



**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

Nippers

Minnie Water Wooli SLSC
2021/2022 Season

**WITH COVID
SAFE MEASURES**

Sunday Nippers & Events

Oct	30 Sat	Nipper Info & Sign Up 1- 4 pm - Minnie Water Clubhouse
	31 Sun	Nipper Info & Sign Up 10 - 1pm - Minnie Water Clubhouse
Nov	7	First Nippers & Come and Try & Sign Up 9-12pm – Minnie Water
	14	Nippers – Minnie Water
	21	Nippers – Minnie Water
	28	Nippers – Minnie Water
Dec	5	Nippers – Minnie Water
	12	Christmas Party – Nipper Fun Day – Minnie Water
	19	
	26	
Jan 2022	2	
	9	Nippers – Minnie Water
	16	Nippers – Minnie Water
	23	Nippers – Minnie Water
	28 -30	TBC NSW Country Championships – Cape Hawke SLSC, Forster
Feb on	TBC	REMAINDER OF THE SEASON Feb – April 2022, including Nipper Activity Days & Carnivals to be confirmed



NB: Calendar is subject to changes dependant on current Health Directives and Covid Restrictions or changes to NSW Roadmap. Any updates will be communicated to members

School Holidays	Commencing 18 December
Nipper Activity Days	Held at Minnie Water Beach FIRST Nipper Day is on Sunday 7 November 2021
Carnivals	Waiting advice from Branch regarding updates on Carnival dates, venues and finalisation of events /formats
Club Championship Days	Waiting advice for event details from Branch

Nippers

In nippers you have amazing experiences in the waves

You make new friends

It's up to you what you want to do and whether you want to do it

The sausage sizzle afterwards is amazing

Minnie Waters Wooli Surf Life Saving is about to commence the (slightly delayed due to Covid) Nippers season for 2021-22. Nippers is a great way for children 5-14 to make friends, be active outdoors and learn how to enjoy the beach safely.

To the left is a heart felt poster created by one of our Nippers.

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

Supporting Children Through Change and Uncertainty

Join the free online seminar for *Parents and Carers or Professionals* in the Clarence Valley, Glen Innes Severn, Richmond Valley and Tenterfield Local Government Areas.

The last couple of years has brought many changes and losses for children, young people, and families all around Australia. There are so many questions about the impacts of the pandemic, natural disasters, and life changes such as bereavement, family separation and relocation - and how we can best support the children and young people in our lives.

Overview

Common questions:

- How can I talk about what is happening?
- What kind of reactions can I expect from my young person?
- How can I best support my young person?

Attendees will have the opportunity to:

- Consider the range of impacts the pandemic is having on young people
- Explore ways of managing reactions of young people
- Hear about some creative ways of providing support



Join Us

for this free online seminar to discuss helpful ways to support children and young people adversely affected by change and loss events.

For Professionals

[Tuesday 9 November - 3.30 to 4.30pm](#)

For Parents & Carers

[Tuesday 9 November - 7 to 8pm](#)

***Click the time to access bookings**

The Seasons for Growth suite of programs equip school and other professionals to support children and young people, parents/carers and other adults in sharing their experiences of change and loss in safe and creative ways, understand and attend to their feelings, and learn skills for adapting and recovering.

Get in touch

The MacKillop Institute,
Seasons for Growth Programs

Community Notices



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

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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Covid-19 and Parenting



Livable - 11 Kemp Street Grafton
29th October
10am - 12:30pm

This workshop aims to assist parents in supporting their children with the anxiety and stress of Covid-19. Children observe and listen to the world around them. Due to the uncertainty of Covid-19, they may be experiencing more confusion, stress and anxiety than ever before. Come along to this **one-session** workshop where we discuss:

- Managing Covid-19 anxiety and stress
- Speaking to children about Covid-19
- Loneliness during Covid-19

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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**

(NDIS and "Creative Kids Voucher" Friendly)