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Term 4 Week 9: Friday 3rd December 2021 School Website - Click Here



On Tuesday this week our Year 1 students enjoyed a trip on our school bus to Jacaranda Park. It was great to be able to get outside and play with friends while there was a break in the wet weather. There were many happy faces along with plenty of laughing and giggling. Everyone had a blast!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

The NSW Teachers Federation has called a 24-hour strike on Tuesday 7th of December. As a result of the strike, our school will be operating on minimal supervision of students on Tuesday 7th of December and will only be operating from the Primary campus. This means the cohort arrangements that have been in place this term will not be in operation on this day. However, our school will still operate in a COVID-safe manner in accordance with NSW Health guidelines. If you are able to keep your child/children at home on this day, it would be recommended as supervision is minimal. If you need to send your child/children to school on this day, they will need to be dropped off at the Primary campus.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this disruption, especially given the challenges we have all faced this year.

Michelle McDonagh Principal

Our last award ceremonies were held this week on both campuses. Congratulations boys and girls! Pictured are just a handful of our award recipients. More photos are available on our facebook page.

















Grafton Public School













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Green Level Rewards

This week, students selected what activity they wish to participate in for Green Level Rewards depending upon their point scale. Those students eligible to attend the movies will receive a movie excursion note today. The cost of the movie is \$10 and the selected movie choice was Baby Boss 2.

All reward activities will take place on Monday 13th of December.

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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?

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TERM 4 2021 YEARS 3-6

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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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Our Year 6 students have been busy making sustainable home models this term. There were mini water tanks, solar panels, food gardens and battery operated lights which highlighted their awareness of the environment and future sustainability. Pictured below are just some of the wonderful models constructed, displaying thoughtful innovation and design. More pictures are available to view on our facebook page.





LIBRARY NEWS

There will be no more borrowing for 2021. Please keep looking in cupboards and under beds for your library books to return. There will be a prize for the first infants and primary class to have all students return all their library books. Good Luck!

Please help out - Recycled Materials

The infants campus is looking for recycled household items to be brought to school. Thank you for those that have already been busy collecting and delivering items.

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.



The next P & C meeting will be a celebratory Christmas party to be held on Tuesday 14th December at 6.30pm at the Crown Hotel.

Grafton Public School P&C Christmas Raffle

- **G** Games for families
- P jumP Trampoline and Basketball hoop
- S School Vouchers from local businesses

Drawn Monday 13th of Dec

Several Runners Up Prizes

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G Package - Games Pack for families
Table tennis
6 in mega multigame
Basketball arcade

J Package - jumP

Basketball Hoop

10ft springfree trampoline

S Package – School Vouchers

Lowes Athletes Foot

Target

Beehive Canteen



Athlete's Foo

The annual Grafton Public School **P & C Christmas Raffle** is bigger than ever this year. Students were given a book of 10 tickets to take home last week. Each ticket is \$1. Ticket holders will need to select which prize they wish to go in the draw for.

G - Games for families - variety of fun filled activities for any family

P - jumP - trampoline and basketball hoop

S - School - vouchers from local businesses: Lowes, Athletes; Foot, Target and GPS Beehive.

There will also be serval runners up prizes including a Christmas cake from Cathys Cakes.

Tickets and money will need to be brought back to school by Monday 13th of December.



Mr Avery is busier than ever restoring as many bikes as he can, ready to give away soon. However, he won't be choosing who gets them, the students are. All children have the opportunity to 'gift a bike' to a friend who doesn't have a bike. All they need to do is nominate a friend by filling out one of the tickets with their friend's name, and their own name as the 'gifter'. On Wednesday, 10th December, once the students have returned from the awards presentation at the Saraton, Mr Avery will draw out as many tickets as he has bikes to give away. Not only that, the 'gifter' will receive a voucher to spend at Grafton City Cycles. There is hoped to be about a dozen or so bikes ready by then.





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STARRING

WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER 7:00PM MARKET SQUARE, GRAFTON ADULT: \$30 CONC: \$20 CHILD: \$10 for bookings visit www.jacarandafestival.com

Mum Bubs & Tots High Tea & Teddy Picinic



11 Kemp Street Grafton DEC 9 2021 10am-12pm







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MUMS & DAUGHTERS

LOVE LANGUAGES

Friday 3rd December 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Livable - Il Kemp Street Grafton

Enjoy an afternoon learning about the 5 love languages and how they assist in strengthening the relationship with your children, while enjoying a mother daughter pamper session.

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Limited spaces available - please call Amy or Melissa to register Phone: 1800 289 927 Email: FaRS@livable.org.au



monday the 6th, 13th and 20th of december from 4:00-5:00pm

looking for some crafty after school fun? join us for crafternoons @ grafton library – where kids can choose from a selection of craft activities to make each week, including...





with soulful singing and spirited movement to create a varied and entertaining concert suitable for all ages.



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2021 SUMMER VACATION CARE PROGRAM Friday 17 December to Monday 31 January

Before School, After School & Vacation Care for the North Coast



CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 0466 306 220 or 6658 9757 Email: admin@communityoosh.com.au Web: www.communityoosh.com.au



"In a world gone mad with rules & regulations, we help kids be kids"

HOURS OF OPERATION 7.00am – 6.00pm MONDAY TO FRIDAY During School Holidays & Pupil Free days

On all excursion days children are required to be at the centre no later than 8:45am and will return by approx. 4:00pm. Transportation is provided in our bus or van depending on bookings.

Risk Assessments available upon request.

"WHAT TO BRING EVERYDAY"

All Children are required to bring a hat, water bottle, sunscreen, appropriate footwear and healthy lunch / snacks.

In winter warm clothes and socks are required each day.

In summer swimmers, sun/rash shirts, swim aids (if required), towel and plastic bag are required each day. Personal electronic devices are prohibited.

Please label all clothes. Spending money is optional!

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR VACATION CARE

To book please scan the QR code to be taken directly to our vacation care bookings area where you then select the centre you need and complete the form. Alternatively, go to our website at www.communityoosh.com.au and click the purple box titled "Vacation Care Bookings & Program"



VACATION CARE BOOKINGS CANNOT BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE OR BY TEXT MESSAGE. OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO BOOKINGS BEING ACCEPTED.

Your booking requests will be confirmed by email. Please check that you receive the confirmation from us within 2 working days of submitting. The minimum notice required to cancel a Vacation Care booking where no charge will apply is 1:30pm the working day before your booking. Please note that weekends and Public Holidays are Non Working Days. All bookings not cancelled by this time will be charged at full fee.

<u>FEES</u>: Depending on the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) and activity hours a parent is entitled too, the out of pocket costs to parents can range from a few dollars to the full rate shown below. To find out more about the Child Care Subsidy please visit at https://www.education.gov.au/ChildCarePackage The table below shows the full fee with no Child Care Subsidy along with an example of the out of pocket expense where the highest rate of Child Care Subsidy is applied.

Your fee will vary depending on your own CCS rate and activity hours you receive. Unlike some providers, Community OOSH Services strive to put you and your children first, providing the highest quality care for the lowest possible price. Please note excursions are at an additional cost and vary depending on the excursion. The cost on each excursion are shown on the next page and these costs will have your CCS % applied to substantially reduce excursion costs.

2020 Fee Structure at Full Rate before the application of any CCS %		Example of Approximate out of pocket expenses at 85% CCS	
Vacation Care	\$58	Vacation Care	\$11.60
Sample Additional Excursion Cost	\$16	Sample Excursion CCS Applied	\$3.20

COMMUNITY OOSH SERVICES – SUMMER WEEKLY ACTIVITIES SUMMARY (N.B. NEW FORMAT)

Welcome to the end of the year that was, or wasn't the case may be, in these ridiculous times we live in! BREATHE! With our eyes focussed on the future and clawing our way back to 'normality' as much as possible, we are again planning a Summer Holiday Program jam packed with excitement, adventure, and fun! As the holiday period is extended this year, we find ourselves stuck for space and are trialling a 'WEEKLY SUMMARY' format to give you an idea of the "WHAT & WHERE'S". The specific "WHEN & HOWS" for each centre, including specific dates for each activity, are available in detail on our website and booking pages for you to read and enjoy. Finally, we look forward to meeting some new friends, particularly our new "ready for big school" Kindies, as well as welcoming back all our regular friends and faces, to enjoy a fantastic summer of fun! Until then, stay safe & see you soon.

Private Schools Early Finish Additional Days (Wed 8th Dec – Thur 16th Dec) Dates dependent on the specific school's end of term dates

Congratulations friends! I don't know how you did it, but while the other schools are slaving away, you have scored yourselves an extra 7 days of holiday fun! We're going to fill your days with some "Formula 1 Fun" of billy-cart races and bike and scooter pursuits, warm you up with some "Ten Pin Bowling" and "Sausage Sizzling Scavenger Hunt" action and then cool you down with some "Wild Water World" fun! Add a splash of colour with "Rainbow Days", some mind-bending "Origami Action" and a trip to the Movies to see why "Ron Goes Wrong" and you'll have earned yourself a rest another holiday!

Fri 17 th Dec & WEEK 1 Mon 20 th – Fri 24 th Dec	As the holidays begin in earnest for everyone, we're looking to knuckle-down and have some serious fun in the build up to Christmas! Your In-Centre days will be spent immersing yourself in the "Wizarding World of Harry Potter", channelling your artistic genius to produce "Colour-Pop Creations" and winding up your Christmas preparations on Christmas Eve in a hectic "Christmas Countdown!" Around the town we'll be hitting the slides at the "Big Banana Water Park," heading to the movies to learn the magical Santa secrets of "A Boy Called Christmas" and best of all making our first visit to the "JETTY CARNIVAL!" Yep it's back and we've got it all to ourselves!
WEEK 2 Mon 27 th Dec- Fri 31 st Dec Closed 27 th and 28th	Santa has been and gone and you've now found out whether you were naughty or nice! Even though this is only a short week due to the way the public holidays fall, we're still going to fill it with fun! Out and about we'll spend a relaxing "Day at the Pool" and tackle the slippery sliding fun of the infamous "Buccaneer!" We'll also do what John, Paul, Ringo and George told us to do and set out on a "Magical Mystery Tour" taking you to places unknown in the search for treasures and great prizes!" (HINT- I like the Hot chip Sambo's for lunch!) Finally, we'll see the old year out with a bang (good riddance!) and celebrate what we can only hope is a Happier New Year with a great "New Year's Eve Pyjama Party!"
WEEK 3 Mon 3 rd Jan - Fri 7 th Jan Closed Monday 3 rd Jan	The opening week of 2022 will get off to a SUPER start and a MARVELous beginning! Our In-Centre Day of "Marvel vs DC Superheroes" will have you pitted in a battle of Good vs Evil for a fantastic day of fun while our "Just Add Water" themed day will be a wet & wild exploration of the magic of H2O and how to have fun with it! A second trip to the fabulous "JETTY CARNIVAL" is on the cards as well as day at the beach for a good old fashioned "Aussie Beach Bash" complete with sand-sculpting competitions and Surf Carnival games. We'll let you rest on the weekend!
WEEK 4 Mon 10 th Jan - Fri 14 th Jan	This week we'll send you back to school early, "Surf School" that is, where you can learn to master the skills that every Aussie kid should learn! We'll also let you burn off some energy by bouncing off the walls (literally) at "Spring-Loaded" where you can also sharpen your Ninja Warrior skills! Finally, we'll top off the excursions with a tonsil-tickling trip to the Movies to see "Sing 2." Closer to home, our In- Centre theme days will see us come face to face with those terrible twins Mario and Luigi in a "Super Smash Nintendo Switch up" as we bring them into real life for a host of fantastic fun! However, our other In-Centre Day this week will definitely be a "DISASTER!" A fascinating exploration of the science of tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions! BUT it's OK, the meteors won't hurt you, just ask the dinosaurs!
WEEK 5 Mon 17 th Jan - Fri 21 st Jan	Fun and laughs galore this week as we take you to the opposite extremes of Sense and Nonsense! Our "Sensible Senses" themed In-Centre Day is full of games and activities that will not only stimulate the original five senses in your body but will push you to the pursuit of your mythical "sixth sense!" At the other end of the scale, we have an hilarious day of deviously stupid "Practical Jokes and Pranks" to help you endear yourself to family and friends! And YES, the "BELCH-FIRE BOTTOM BLASTER" is back! Out and about will see us embark on an "Amazing Race-Botanic Gardens" adventure to navigate our way to some great prizes! We'll also return to the "Golf Range" for both Mini and Maxi Swipes at the little white balls. Finally, we'll grab our last chance while we can hit the fantastic "JETTY CARNIVAL" to make the most of what I believe is the best excursion of the year!
WEEK 6 Mon 24 th Jan- Fri 28 th Jan & Mon 31 st Pupil Free Closed Wednesday 26th January	Back to school is just around the corner so we're going to try and pack as much fun as we can into our final week of holidays! Come along with us to enjoy the "Creepy, Kooky, Mysterious and Spooky" antics when we watch the "Addams Family 2 Movie." A return to trip "Spring Loaded" will put a spring in your step ready for school and we'll take you back to the "Sherwood Archery Centre" to hone your skills and teach what to do with those apples you give to the teacher! In the lead up to Australia Day we will take the time to have some fun and celebrate the joys of living in this great country we call home with our "Aussie, Aussie, Aussie – Oi, Oi, Oi" In Centre Day! From Bogans and Bunyips to Barbies and Bush Tucker, there'll be something for everyone! And forget the Melbourne Cup the cockroaches are back and running! On our final Pupil Free day, it will be a case of "Pool before School" as we squeeze out our last ounce of summer fun in a lazy day at the pool!

GRAFTON SWIM ACADEMY – JANUARY 2022

2 WEEK INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAMME

MONDAY 17TH JANUARY 2022 to THURSDAY 20TH JANUARY 2022 MONDAY 24TH JANUARY 2022 to FRIDAY 28TH JANUARY 2022 (EXCLUDING WED 26TH Australia day)

FEES: \$128 EACH PARTICIPANT

Active Kids Vouchers are not accepted as payment for Intensive Swimming Programmes

Hello to all Parents and Carers

We are commencing 2022 with a positive attitude that the worst is behind us. Many children will have missed their lessons and are looking forward to returning in Term 1.

We can now offer our Christmas Holiday Intensive Programme to all students who would like to get a jump start on their swimming skills. We offer our Programme at South Grafton Pool for both morning and afternoon sessions and at Grafton Pool for morning sessions only. Lessons are 30 minutes in duration for the general LTS, longer for SD, MS and Squads

- 1. South Grafton morning sessions will be from 8.00 am to 1.00 pm.
- 2. South Grafton afternoons will be from 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm.
- 3. Grafton sessions will be morning only from 7.30 am 11.00 am.

There are limited places in all classes, so if this is of interest to you, please advise as soon as possible. We are holding Squads, Mini Squads, Stroke Development and Learn to Swim Classes for children 3 years of age and older – but **NO** Baby/Toddles classes.

Please advise your name, your child/ren names and preference from the above list: 1, 2 or 3. Please provide your current mobile number. We will advise by text message the details of your classes closer to Intensive commencement.

Email: <u>swimacademy@graftonaquaticcentres.com.au</u> Attn: Lyn McDiarmid

Yours in Swimming, Safety and Fun Grafton Swim Academy Teachers



Lovable larrikin Ginger Meggs turns 100 this year.

Come along to the National Cartoon Gallery in Coffs Harbour and be entertained by his antics.

This is a wonderful exhibition to introduce the younger generation to an Australian icon.

There'll also be some fun activities for the kids.

Exhibition opens 10 December 2021 to 28 February 2022.

summer holiday program ø your library

december 2021 - january 2022

grafton

monday 6th, 13th and 20th december crafternoons

choose from a variety of crafts. 4-5pm ages 4+



friday 7th January rock painting

paint your very own rock to hide, share and hunt. 10:30-11:30am ages 3+

saturday 8th January **DnD summer delve**

dig into this dungeons and dragons delve these school holidays. chips and soft drink provided.

12-5pm ages 12+



tuesday 11th January minecraft for kids

enjoy our minecraft environment, and take part in challenges on our ipads. 10:30-12:00pm & 2-3:30pm ages 9-15

friday 14th January gulzz-ltch

test yourself with our Harry Potter guiz game, including disco and pizza. 6-8pm ages 7+

tuesday 18th January digi daydreaming

local arist Kade Valja will be running a workshop to teach digital art on library ipads. 12:30-4:30pm ages 9+

friday 21st January minecraft for kids

10:30-11:30am & 12-1:00pm ages 9-15

BOOK NOW 'what's on' @ crl.nsw.gov.au



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your library

are FREE

1st december - 31 January summer reading club pick up a challenge sheet vour local library

maclean

thursday 13th January library lego legends 10:30-12:00pm ages 7+

tuesday 18th January kokedama

make your own potless plant with string. 10:30-12:00pm ages 13+

thursday 20th January library lego legends 10:30-12:00pm

ages 7+

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y 22nd dece is tree craft

fold a fabulous christmas tree using books as the base. 2-3:30pm ages 8+



monday 10 January ve ble

use a variety of mixed media art materials to construct birds. 10:30-12:00pm for ages 5-8 & 2-3:30pm for ages 9+

dnesday 12th, 19th & 25th January summer reading club book'n'build 10:30-11:30am

ages 4-7

friday 21st January sand art 10:30am-11:30am for ages 4-7 & 2-3pm for ages 8+

wednesday 19th January

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discover indy reads summer book club d 'the grandest bookshop in the world'- gain two bonus rewards for SRC



tuesday 11th January 3D hand art @baryulg

amaze your friends with an evepopping 3D artwork of your hand 10:30-11:30am ages 5+

tuesday 11th January

catapults game @copmanhurst build a catapult with household objects then challenge your mates. 2:30-3:30pm ages 8+

wednesday 12th January 3D hand art @nymbolda

10:30-11:30am ages 5+

wednesday 12th January catapults game @coutts crossing 2:30-3:30pm ages 8+

tuesday 18th January 3D hand art @wooli 10:30-11:30am ages 5+



tuesday 18th January 3D hand art @minnie water 2:30- 3:30pm ages 5+

wednesday 19th January catapults game @glenreagh 2:30- 3:30pm ages 8+

thursday 20th January 3D hand art @brushgrove 10:30-11:30am ages 5+



thursday 20th January catapults game @tucabla 2:30- 3:30pm ages 8+

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friday 10th december snow globe creation 3:00- 4:00pm ages 5+

friday 7th january things with wh 10:30-11:30am ages 3+

friday 14th January sand art 10:30-11:30am ages 4-7





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9AM - 3PM | \$40 per child | Ages 4-12 | Please bring a drink bottle and packed lunch



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