

A Tradition of Excellence

Grafton Public School Newsletter



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Term Calendar - [Click Here](#)

Term 4 Week 7: Friday 19th November 2021

School Website - [Click Here](#)

Dear Families,

It was great for the school to be back operational this week. **Thank you** for your support in following all the NSW Health and NSW Department of Education guidelines. At Grafton Public School we will continue to be vigilant with:

- our hygiene practices
- extra high touch surface cleans throughout the day
- limited mixing of student cohorts
- ventilation of all indoor spaces
- mask wearing by all staff (and those students who choose to wear a mask)

We are currently planning for Presentation Day, Year 6 Farewell, Year 2 Swim School, Transition programs and some local excursions to go ahead this term. Our Step Up Day will now be held in week 10. Step Up is an opportunity for students to meet their class teacher for 2022.

Michelle McDonagh
Principal

Student Leadership

With our school 'STAR' values, we believe that students need opportunities to flourish and reach their full potential academically, socially and emotionally. Providing opportunities for students to learn leadership skills and lead key initiatives across the school, which are student driven, are critical skillsets to learn and develop in their senior years of primary schooling. Our student leadership program provides students with opportunities to have input into decisions, voice concerns and make suggestions to improve our school, as well as becoming more aware and part of the wider community.

Leadership is integral to life-long learning. All students should have the opportunity to demonstrate and develop leadership skillsets. Student leadership roles at Grafton PS include School Captain, Vice Captain, Prefects, Sporting House Captains, Library Monitors and Student Representative Council.

Our Year 5 students who meet eligibility have been working with Miss Bebbington to prepare a speech to become a captain, vice captain or prefect. This year due to our COVID guidelines we are unable to have all students in an assembly area to hear these speeches. The model this year will be over an online platform. Yr 5 students will deliver their speech in the hall whilst classes Years 3-5 will connect online and view the screening. Students will then vote online using a google form.

Good luck to our students! Many other leadership opportunities will exist in 2022 for our Year 5 cohort.



Attention – Year 6 Families

Grafton High School has postponed their Year 7 Transition Day.

This day will now take place next Thursday 25th of November 9:30-2:30pm.

South Grafton High School Year 7 Transition Day will also occur next Thursday 9:30am-1:30pm.

More information will be provided to students early next week.

Year 2 Transition Week and Swim School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week, Week 8, will be an exciting week for our Year 2 students. Starting Monday 22nd November, Year 2 students and teachers will be spending the week at the Primary Campus as some transition for next year. The students will get to play in the "big playground", be able to visit the canteen when it is open and get their bearings amongst older students.

Year 2 will go to the Infants Campus as normal on Monday morning and will be walked across to the Primary Campus by their teachers. Pick up on Monday afternoon will be from the basketball courts directly across from the Infants. During the day on Monday, their teachers will be walking the children around the Primary Campus and pointing out different areas like where they line up in the morning (Tuesday-Friday) and where they might meet parents at home time, although the basketball court may be an option for the whole week but this is a family decision. Children who travel by bus will catch the bus home all week from the Primary Campus and are asked to get off at the Primary Campus from Tuesday to Friday.

Equally exciting for next week, is the fact that during the middle session between recess and lunch, Year 2 students will be attending a modified swim school for the week. Students are reminded to return their notes on or before Monday and remember to pack all their swimming gear. Students who have not returned their note will be walking to the pool with everyone else and will be supervised by their teachers as spectators.

Kind regards,
Mrs Brooke Penfold
Assistant Principal

WELCOME YEAR 2 CANTEEN SPECIAL

Friday 26th of November

Any student K-6 can select either lunch:

Lunch Deal 1 \$5

- Hot dog with sauce
- Juice popper
- Zooper Dooper



Lunch Deal 2 \$5

- Ham, cheese, lettuce wrap
- Juice popper
- Zooper Dooper



Please return lunch orders by Thursday 25th of November.

Name: _____ Class: _____

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Lunch 1: Hot dog, juice popper and zooper dooper \$5

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Lunch 2: Ham, cheese, lettuce wrap, juice popper and zooper dooper \$5

LIBRARY NEWS

Issue 8 of BookClub is out now!
This is the last BookClub catalogue for the year. Orders are due back by **Week 9, Friday the 3rd of December.**

It's also that time of year to start looking in cupboards and under beds for your library books.

There will be no more borrowing for 2021. There will be a prize for the first infants and primary class to have all students return their library books.
Good Luck!





Farewell Mr Salter

We are sad to announce that our fabulous Mr Salter will be leaving the Grafton Public School team and is enjoying his last day with us today.

Mr Salter has been a part of our school community for many, many years and has been instrumental (get it, haha) in many performing and creative arts projects including our incredible Performing Arts Tours and Concerts.

Mr Salter has been presented with an opportunity he simply couldn't refuse and although we will miss him, we wish him all the very best. Mr Salter has always encouraged students over the years to be creative, to perform, to sing and play musical instruments with fun and passion and for that we are truly grateful. Thank you Mr Salter!



REMINDER—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.

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.



The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th December at 6.30pm in our Library. All welcome, please come along!

3 DAY EVENT 18TH-20TH NOVEMBER

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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

Community Notices



Cub Scouts

Camping



Grafton Scout Group

Looking for any keen 8 to 11 year old boys and girls to come along and have fun at trying out new things.

Bushwalking

Make New Friends

contact Sue (Akela) via
sue.day@nsw.scouts.com.au
or 0401 574 697



Cub Scouts

Exploring

Canoeing



Don't exhaust yourself trying to get new ideas we have it all for you.
Come along and try out Cub Scouts 1st Four (4) weeks are free to try us out..

graftonscoutgroup.com.au

Reece.Luxton@nsw.scouts.com.au or
sue.day@nsw.scouts.com.au

1 North St (behind MI Organics) Grafton

Lots of things we get to try out... to many to mention



3X3

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

SIGN UP NOW

www.bnsw.com.au/events



Program Partner:



**Season Update
MIXED OPEN**

Year 7/8

Year 4/5/6

Year 3 under

**Wednesday 1st DECEMBER
JABOUR Park**

grafton.nswtouch.com.au

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



**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**