

A Tradition of Excellence

Grafton Public School Newsletter



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Term Calendar - [Click Here](#)

Term 4 Week 8: Friday 26th November 2021

School Website - [Click Here](#)



Dear Parents and Carers,

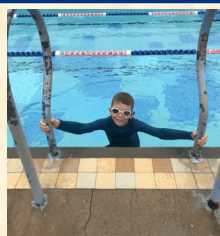
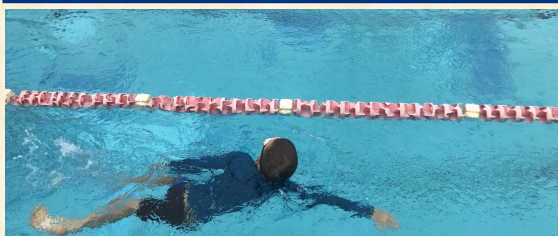
We are able to host a **Kindergarten Kritters session** in place of our postponed session from **9.30am to 2.30pm on Thursday the 2nd of December**. Drop off and pickup will be at the Oliver St gate of the Mary St Campus (opposite the High School) with NSW Health and Department of Education COVID guidelines in place. Children will need to bring their recess, a packed lunch, a drink of water and their hat on this day. Students who have completed enrolment packages including a copy of their birth certificate, immunisation certificate and proof of address will receive their school hat on this day. We hope to see all of the children's smiling faces.



Well done to our 33 Year 5 students who presented their **leadership speeches** yesterday. All students who presented speeches should be extremely proud of themselves. Everyone spoke extremely well making the task of voting very difficult. Students in grades 3 to 5 and staff voted online yesterday. The 2022 School Captains, Vice Captains and six Prefects will be announced at the Presentation Assembly later in the term. A big thank you to Miss Bebbington who supported our Year 5 students to create amazing and confident speeches. If any parent/carer would like a copy of their child's speech, please message us through the school's messenger page and we can send a copy through.



Showers and unsettled weather did not dampen the enthusiasm of our Year 2 students who attended **swim school** during the middle session between recess and lunch this week. There were plenty of smiles upon their return to the primary campus where they enjoyed their Transition Week.



Grafton Public School P&C Christmas Raffle



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

Drawn
Monday 13th
of Dec

Several Runners Up Prizes

Grafton Public School P&C Christmas Raffle



G Package - Games Pack for families

- Table tennis
- 6 in mega multigame
- Basketball arcade



Valued
over \$400

Grafton Public School P&C Christmas Raffle



J Package - jumpP

- 10ft springfree trampoline
- Basketball Hoop



Valued
over \$800

Grafton Public School P&C Christmas Raffle



S Package – School Vouchers

- Lowes
- Athletes Foot
- Target
- Beehive Canteen



Valued
over \$500

The annual Grafton Public School **P & C Christmas Raffle** is bigger than ever this year. Students have been given a book of 10 tickets to take home this 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 - jumpP - trampoline and basketball hoop

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

There will also be several 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 in a couple of weeks. 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.

Deputy Principal and Principal Awards, along with Silver and Bronze Badge award were presented this week on both campuses. Pictured are just some of our worthy recipients. More photos are available on our facebook page. Congratulations!



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!

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.

Community Notices



PROOF  of VACCINATION IS REQUIRED TO ENTER



FAMILY FUN DAY

FUN OBSTACLE COURSE
COLOR RUN! BRING TOWEL AND CHANGE OF CLOTHES

MACLEAN SHOWGROUND
10AM - 2PM
SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER

CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 16 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A DOUBLE VACCINATED ADULT

WATER SLIDE!

SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

MUSIC!

GENELLE
0428542409
TARA
0459632523



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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

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

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, sun-screen, 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.

FEES: 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 Notices

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 8 th Dec – Thur 16 th Dec)	
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dates dependent on the specific school's end of term dates</i></p> <p>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!</p>	
<p>Fri 17th Dec & WEEK 1 Mon 20th – Fri 24th Dec</p>	<p>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 "Wizards 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!</p>  
<p>WEEK 2 Mon 27th Dec – Fri 31st Dec</p> <p>Closed 27th and 28th</p>	<p>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!"</p>  
<p>WEEK 3 Mon 3rd Jan – Fri 7th Jan</p> <p>Closed Monday 3rd Jan</p>	<p>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!</p>  
<p>WEEK 4 Mon 10th Jan – Fri 14th Jan</p>	<p>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!</p>  
<p>WEEK 5 Mon 17th Jan – Fri 21st Jan</p>	<p>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 we'll 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!</p>  
<p>WEEK 6 Mon 24th Jan – Fri 28th Jan & Mon 31st Pupil Free</p> <p>Closed Wednesday 26th January</p>	<p>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!</p>  



SRE: IT'S YOUR CHOICE

CHRISTIAN SRE

Did you know that Special Religious Education (SRE) continues in high school? As parents prepare their children for Year 7 next year, they have the choice to enrol them into SRE to continue their faith-based education at school.

Keep an eye out in your school's enrolment package for a form to sign up for SRE next year. Fill out the form with your SRE preference and return to your school. Contact your High School for further information or check the "Religion and Ethics" page on your school's website.

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