

Grafton Public School Newsletter



A Tradition of Excellence

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Term Calendar - [Click Here](#)

Term 1 Week 5: Friday 26th February 2021

School Website - [Click Here](#)



OH NO!
I FORGOT ...
SOMETHING ...
... BUT WHAT ?

School Banking— Tuesdays



Dates to remember:

Monday 1st March—The Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) 4.00pm

Tuesday 2nd March—Infants Campus Grade Information Sessions

Thursday 4th March—Primary Campus Grade Information Sessions

Tuesday 9th March—P & C Meeting 6.30pm

Friday 5th March—Crazy Hair Day / World's Greatest Shave

Just a reminder that our canteen on both campuses will no longer be open on Mondays and Tuesdays. Tuckshop for the infants campus will now be on Wednesdays

The Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group will be meeting at Grafton Public School on Monday 1st of March at 4pm. The meeting will be held in the Library on the Primary campus.. We hope to see you there.



Sailors Hockey Club is now taking nominations for boys and girls in all age groups from U7's through to senior grades. For any information please contact the club via our Facebook page or email at sailorshockeygrafton@gmail.com

CRAZY HAIR DAY



Our school has registered for the World's Great Shave Fundraising Campaign to benefit The Leukaemia Foundation. Next Friday, 5th March, we are holding a Crazy Hair Day.

Students are asked to come in uniform but with crazy hair, and are asked to make a gold coin donation towards this great cause. Families may choose to donate more if they wish.

If we manage to raise \$500 or more, our much loved staff member Uncle Dion will shave his luscious locks off. If we manage to raise \$800, there are several other staff members considering either cutting or colouring their hair for drastic makeovers.

From the Principal

Teacher Communication

Each year as children move to a new class, parents can become anxious about who their child's new teacher is and how to contact the teacher if there is something they'd like to discuss. Each teacher has different preferred methods of communication. Some staff use online platforms like Seesaw or Dojo, others prefer emails and some would prefer messages through the front office. Unless stated otherwise by your child's teacher, please make contact via the front office and a message will be given to the teacher. A good way to put a face to a name and also meet the executive is to come along to the short meet and greet sessions next week. This is also a great opportunity to meet other parents and our P&C President, Dayne McPhillips.

School Induction Ceremony

Thank you to all the families members who attended and followed the Covid safe guidelines. We know having two mini assemblies was a little bit different this year, however, this allowed more family members to attend across the two assemblies. Congratulations to our School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects who were officially inducted into their roles for 2021 this week. Congratulations also to our SRC, Library Monitors and Sporting House Captains and Vice Captains who received their badges. We look forward to working with the students in 2021 to continue to improve and make Grafton PS the best school possible. Our wonderful SRC of 2020 are seeing the end results of their outdoor classroom design with the finishing touches going in over the next two weeks. I can't wait to see the end result and see students using the space.

MNC Swimming

Congratulations to all our students who represented the school at the Mid North Coast Swimming meet in Coffs Harbour yesterday. Your behaviour, school spirit and sportsmanship was exceptional and staff who attended have commented on how proud they were to see you in your Grafton PS swimming caps representing the school.

AECG

The Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group will be meeting at 4pm on Monday in our school Library. Please come from 3pm onwards, meet our Aboriginal Education Team and enjoy a sausage sizzle.

I hope to see you at one of our meet and greet sessions next week.

Michelle McDonagh

Mid North Coast Swimming



Badge Induction Ceremony

We were able to hold our annual Leadership Induction over two ceremonies today. Prefects, SRC members, Library Monitors, House Captains and House Vice-Captains all proudly received their badges. By holding it as two separate ceremonies to keep visitor numbers down, we were able to have parents and families members present to do the honour of pinning on the badges..

Congratulations and well done boys and girls!



Grade Information Sessions

Grade information sessions will be held in Week 6 with some COVID modifications. With current restrictions meaning parents haven't had a chance to come into the school during school hours (unless essential or for meetings), our P&C thought it was an important step to ensure a smooth transition for students (and parents) into a new grade and so parents who are new to the school have the opportunity to meet other parents. This is a great opportunity to meet school executive, your child's teacher and get important information regarding grade organisation and routines. We would appreciate you abiding by the set times and not staying later or arriving earlier as this is part of our COVID safety plan.

The meet and greet information sessions on our Infants Campus will take place on Tuesday 2nd March and there will be a free BBQ operating so that after you listen to the important grade information from the executive, you will be able to enjoy a sausage sandwich whilst you mingle with staff and parents from your child's year group, always remembering to social distance. **A representative from the Commonwealth Bank will be in attendance on Tuesday evening at the Infants Campus from 4-6pm to answer any questions parents may have about school banking.**

Year 2 session: 3.15pm till 4.15pm

Year 1 session: 4.15pm till 5.15pm

Kindergarten: 5.30pm till 6.30pm.

The meet and greet information sessions on our Primary campus will be held on Thursday 4th March under the COLA (outside the school hall). Afternoon tea will be provided for the brief time available to chat to other parents.

Year 3 and Year 4 will be meeting at 3:15-3:45pm with a brief information talk from Assistant Principal, Mr Taylor. Year 5 and 6 at 3:45-4:15pm with a brief information talk from Rel Assistant Principal, Miss Chapman. Parent Teacher interviews will be held during the second half of Term 1 where you will have an opportunity for a one on one discussion with your child's teacher.

School Fees

All students are being invoiced for their applicable fees and an invoice has been posted home.

All families who pay their voluntary school contribution fee in Term 1 will go in to the draw for a \$150 voucher at Lowes to help with school uniform purchases.

Payment can be made in cash, cheque, by EFTPOS at our Primary office, or online through our Parent Online Payments link on our website. If you wish to pay the invoiced fees one at a time, all at once or make a payment plan of a certain amount each fortnight that is fine. As we are all aware, COVID caused the cancellation of many of our activities in 2020. A lot of payments were refunded to families and placed "in credit" or what our system terms Fees In Advance/Unallocated Credit. This amount may be showing as a credit on your statement. This year's fees can be paid by your Unallocated Credit but it is not an automatic process. Please advise the office if you wish to use your credit amount.

Major excursions are not included on the current statements as these will be invoiced once an attendance list is finalised. If you are intending for your child to attend one (or more) of these major excursions and wish to start budgeting and paying it off now, this is not a problem and is strongly encouraged. All excursions must be paid in full at least a fortnight prior to departure or the student may not be allowed to attend. If a family is experiencing financial difficulty, it is important that you speak to us early as the above prepaid rule will be strictly adhered to. Please speak to Miss Karen in the office.

Get involved in the School Banking program.

Grafton Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way to help teach your child about money. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarsmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2021 are:

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| o Terry Denton's Activity Book | o Scented Stackable Highlighters |
| o Mini Soccer Ball (size 2) | o Icicle Slapband Ruler |
| o Treetop Stationery Set | o Snowy Origami Set |
| o Treetop Handball | o Water Skimming Bounce Ball |
| o Tomato Seed Kit | o Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers |
| o Emoji Wallet | o Scratch Art Cards |
| o Snakes & Ladders Game | |

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year. For more information about contribution payments, visit www.commbank.com.au/sbinfo.

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarsmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Tuesday. Each week you need to hand your banking book into the front office.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2021 School Banking program parent guide from the school office or visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Can you volunteer? We need your help with the School Banking program!

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires a volunteer School Banking Co-ordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. The School Banking is processed at the same time each week and will only take a small amount of your time. The Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they practice saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

As part of volunteering you are eligible to receive a Certificate of Attainment that details the activities that you are involved in. For example: cash handling, program facilitation, account reconciliation and more.

School Banking day is Tuesday.

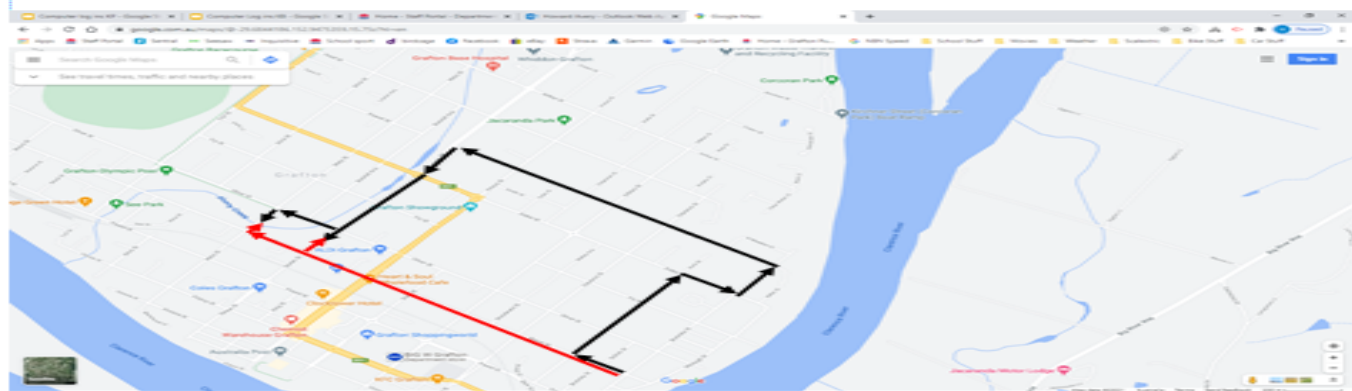
If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please contact the school.



BIKE BUS



- Bike Bus operates every Friday (weather permitting) If you are new to Bike Bus check out the map below so you know where to meet the gang).
- **Starts Friday, 5th March at 8:00, 12 Bacon St and picks up along both routes. Children MUST have a helmet and be able to ride without training wheels.**
- To be contacted about whether Bike Bus is on please leave your **MOBILE** number and name at either office.
- The weekly prize is donated by Grafton City Cycles, proud supporters of our Active Transport to School program.
- Current map of bike paths and lanes in Grafton: https://www.clarence.nsw.gov.au/cp_themes/metro/page.asp?p=DOC-JIF-61-52-64



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Multi Class Swimming 2021 (For Athletes with a Disability) Development Program

It is not necessary to be a swimming club member to attend this Training and Information Day.

Swimming North Coast (SNC) will be hosting a great opportunity for Swimmers with a Disability to be part of a Development Program. This will include a **training and information day** on the North Coast and optional participation in a Swimming NSW (SNSW) Multi Class Swim Meet.

Training and Information Day:

When: Sunday 14th March, 2021

Where: South Grafton Indoor Pool

Time: 10am – 2.30pm

Hosted by SNC and sponsored by SNC and SNSW.

Pool entry, presenters, coaching and lunch for the swimmers will be provided. Any additional expenses are the responsibility of the swimmers and their families.

NORTH COAST MULTI CLASS SQUAD



- Come along and find out how you can join our Multi Class Squad.
- Many of these swimmers have progressed through to NSW Country and State level and even National level.
- Start on the pathway by learning from our experienced and talented coaches.
- Learn how to get classified and gain a greater understanding of the classification system within the sport.

Information via Zoom Meeting

We are also planning a Zoom Meeting (date and time TBC) prior to the day at South Grafton.

SNSW Multi Class Meet #3 (optional)

Open to those swimmers who attend the training and information day and are registered members of a swimming club on the North Coast.

When: Saturday 7th August, 2021

Where: NSW Multi Class Meet #3 Venue TBC

Cost: Swimming North Coast will provide squad members with a Development Squad cap and T shirt, the assistance of a team manager.

Swimming North Coast will pay for entry to 5 events for each swimmer in the #3 NSW MC swim meet.

Any additional expenses are the responsibility of the swimmers and their families.

Further Training Day: (Optional)

Details TBC

To secure your position in this squad, please complete the registration form to register your attendance for what is sure to be a fantastic day. More information will be available to registered swimmers and their families.

Please email your form to: swimmingnorthcoastdev@gmail.com

Email or Phone

Simon Watkins 0426262491,

Ann Plikie 0476346651

Or

Phone or email Lyn Connell Club Support Officer, North Coast NSW 0410014356.

lyn.connell@nsw.swimming.org.au

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FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY
7:00PM
CLARENCE VALLEY CONSERVATORIUM
8 VILLIERS STREET, GRAFTON
ADULT: \$30 CONC: \$20 CHILD: \$10

FOR BOOKINGS VISIT WWW.CVCON.NSW.EDU.AU OR PHONE 6643 3555

General Meeting 2021
Aboriginal Education for our young people

GRAFTON LAECG

1 MARCH 2021
4:00PM
GRAFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

We would like to invite Families to join the Grafton AECG to be an integral part of Aboriginal Education

COMMUNITY NOTICES



BALANCING THE LUNCHBOX

A free 20-30 minute Zoom session covering lunchbox ideas, inspiration, tips and tricks. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions to our lunchbox team.

Sessions will run:
Feb 16th at 5pm
Feb 18th at 9:30am
Feb 24th at 12:30pm



Register via <http://bit.ly/virtuallunchbox>

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)

Northern Sydney Intellectual
Disability Health Service (NSIDHS)



Outreach Intellectual Disability Health Service Information Webinars

Approximately 3,500 in Mid North Coast LHD and 4,000 people in Northern NSW LHD have an intellectual disability (ID). More broadly an estimated 1.3% of the population of NSW have an ID.

As part of a NSW Ministry of Health state-wide initiative to address the health disparities experienced by people with ID, Northern Sydney Intellectual Disability Health Service provides outreach to the Mid North Coast and Northern NSW LHD's. This is delivered in partnership with a specialist intellectual disability clinician in each of these districts.

To increase awareness of the service, the team are hosting service information sessions for carers and disability service providers. These sessions will run for up to one hour to provide participants with an opportunity to ask questions.

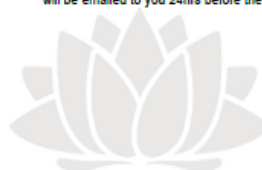
Information covered will include:

- Outreach Services Provided
- Local ID Specialist Clinician
- Eligibility Criteria
- Referral Process

Session dates & times

Carers:
Tuesday 2nd March 10:00-11:00
Tuesday 23rd March 13:00-14:00
Disability Service Providers:
Friday 5th March 10:00-11:00
Friday 26th March 13:00-14:00

To register for one of these sessions, please email NSLHD-intellectualdisability@health.nsw.gov.au including your name, email address and which session you are registering for. A link to the webinar will be emailed to you 24hrs before the event.



Contact details:
Northern Sydney Intellectual Disability Health Service
✉ NSLHD-intellectualdisability@health.nsw.gov.au
Fax: 02 9904 1541

Parent Café

2021

**Share ideas
Make new friends
Discuss your
families hopes and
dreams**



Funk off 2021!
Rediscover your mojo in 2021.
Connect, reflect and celebrate in
a fun and welcoming space.

Parents Cafes host open, honest & fun conversations about keeping our families healthy, safe & strong.

They are parents supporting parents, through struggles and good times as we examine the role of relationships, resilience, knowledge, support & communication in our families and lives.

Childcare and meals are always provided at the Parent Café!

Venue:

New School of Arts
Neighbourhood House
Spring Street
South Grafton

Date:

9.30am to 11.30am Tuesday 23rd
February, 2021
Or
8.00pm to 8.00pm Wednesday
24th February, 2021

To register:

Contact Renee at the New School of
Arts on 02 8640 3800
Or book online at:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BOPTM>
Please register by Monday 22nd
February

For more information
call Skye Bear on 0840 3800 or email skye.bear@nsoa.org.au



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Free support for parents of children with disabilities - www.mytime.net.au



MyTime groups provide support for mothers, fathers, grandparents, and anyone caring for a child with a disability or chronic medical condition. It's a place for you to unwind and talk about your experiences. It's a world away from appointments and therapy.

It's support for you

- A skilled facilitator will be on hand to provide guidance for parents adjusting to their child's diagnosis
- Regular guest speakers and help finding resources relevant to your needs
- While you meet a play helper is on hand to engage your child

WHERE: CRANES Training Room, 11 Kemp St Grafton

WHEN: Each Monday (Not during school holidays)

TIME: 9.30 am -11.30 am

To register contact Skye Pullen on 6642 7257 or email spullen@cranes.org.au



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LOCAL YOUNG ARTISTS WANTED!

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LIVE 'N' LOUD IS A DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT.

Please Register by March 5th 2021
Contact Allira on 0428 420 908 OR
Email: allira.newton@clarence.nsw.gov.au
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Artfully Yours Art Lessons

Lessons for the year start

28th January 2020

Youth Classes: Mixed ages from 9 to 18

Both groups and individual classes available

Lessons: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

3.45pm to 5.15pm **Bookings essential**

At: Grafton Art Club, 365 Dobie St Grafton

All Lesson Costs include \$2.00 hall fee

Cost: \$17.00 per lesson - minimum 10 lessons

Casual Lesson Cost: \$22.00 per lesson

Contact: Deborah McLennan 0409 321 226

Email: artfullyyoursdeborah@gmail.com

Website: www.artfullyyours.com.au

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