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# Grafton Public School Newsletter



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Term Calendar - [Click Here](#)

Term 1 Week 9: Friday 26th March 2021

School Website - [Click Here](#)



## OBSTACOOOL POSTPONED

Due to the amount of rain in the Clarence Valley area over the last few days and the fact that the Obstacle Company is flooded in on the Central Coast, we made the sad decision to postpone the Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course scheduled for today. We are working with the company to establish a new date in the near future.

Thank you to those families who have already returned their \$6 participation fee and note. These will be kept until the new date. For any families who haven't returned their money or note you still have time.

If your child ordered a sausage sizzle deal from the canteen this will be held over until the Obstacle event goes ahead. Similar to the participation fee and note you can still return the sausage sizzle note and money \$5 to school. School canteen will operate as normal on Friday. As soon as the new date is secured we will let our school community know.

### WHAT'S ON...

#### Week 10

Tuesday 30 March  
- School Cross Country

Wednesday 31 March  
- Bronze & Silver Badge Ceremony

Thursday 1 April  
- Easter Hat Parade  
- Last day of Term 1

Tuesday 20 April  
- Term 2 begins



## Easter Hat Parade

The organisation of school events at the moment, with certain COVID restrictions still in place, is made a little difficult at GPS as we are such a large school. The rule regarding the number of visitors allowed on site is the one we have the most concern with as numbers are hard to predict.

To assist us with organisation of the Easter Hat Parade, we are seeking your guidance as to how many visitors we may be expecting to watch the parade.

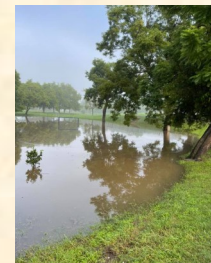
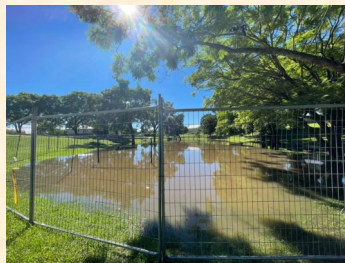
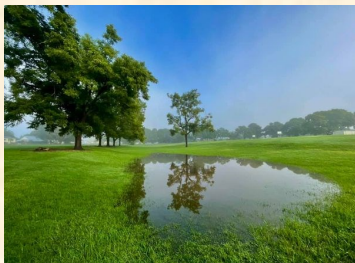
At this early stage of planning, the Infants Parade (K-2) will be held in the morning session and the Primary Parade (Yrs 3-6) at sometime after recess. Details will all be confirmed early next week. Entry passes will be issued to families to allow the school to monitor visitor numbers. There will be a limit of 4 visitors per family.

A note is being sent home today where we ask that you please indicate the number of visitor passes required. This pass will be needed for entry on the day. No passes will be issued after next Wednesday 31st March. Please return the note to your child's class teacher.

### P & C EASTER RAFFLE

Chocolate! Chocolate! Chocolate! GPS P&C are holding an Easter Raffle to celebrate Easter. Your child has been sent home a raffle booklet to the total cost of \$5 (\$1 per ticket). We are asking families to please donate an Easter item (chocolates, bunnies or Easter bags). There will be lots of prizes to be won including non-chocolate prizes. These items can be dropped off at either school office. The Easter raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of our Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> of April.





## THANK YOU

A massive thank you to our school community for supporting the school where possible and keeping our student numbers reduced for the past two days so we could remain open on minimal supervision. Our entire grassed area of the Primary playground will remain out of bounds until further notice due to the flood waters still in the gully area. This includes no access via the Mary St Primary campus gate or cutting across the playground before or after school. Primary students may walk around the school using the footpaths if they are dropping off or meeting a younger sibling outside the infants campus or walking home in that direction.

Please stay safe and do not enter flood waters.

## Some Good Mood Food



A huge CONGRATULATIONS to Charlie Rainbow (far left) who was placed in the top 5 girls for the North Coast School Sports Association Tennis! Charlie will make her way to the State Championship in Newcastle in April. We wish Charlie all the very best! Pictured with Charlie is Ashleigh Bulmer who achieved first reserve. Well done girls! This is an amazing achievement!

Well done Mr Dayne!  
Our Mr Dayne successfully gained his bus licence and is now able to assist in transporting our staff and students on various excursions and outings!

Breaking News!! We won!  
The 2nd round of the PSSA Tennis was played and won today by our GPS team consisting of Charlie Rainbow, Myles Adamson, Ashleigh Bulmer and Travis Smidt.  
Fabulous effort team!



## Little reminders

Due to the recent weather conditions, we have had a greater amount of **mosquitoes** causing a bit of havoc in the playground. It may be helpful to pop some insect repellent on your children before heading off to school while ever these weather conditions continue. Thank you!

**School Banking**—A fun, interactive and engaging way to develop good saving habits. Don't forget our school banking day is **Tuesday**. Each week, bank books need to be handed to the classroom teachers for collection and they will be returned at the end of the day.

Our **canteen** on both campuses will no longer be open on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Tuckshop for the infants campus will now be on Wednesdays.

## School Fees

A reminder regarding fees owed and the recent Statement of Account posted home. If a family has "credit" which is termed Unallocated Credit or Fees in Advance, this credit is not automatically applied to balance owing. Parents must contact the school to ask that this credit be applied to cover any outstanding fees.

Many families do have credit sitting there after so many activities were cancelled in 2020 due to COVID. However we cannot apply this without your permission.

A further reminder that all families who have paid their Voluntary Contributions before the end of term will go in the draw for a chance to win Lowes Uniform Vouchers.

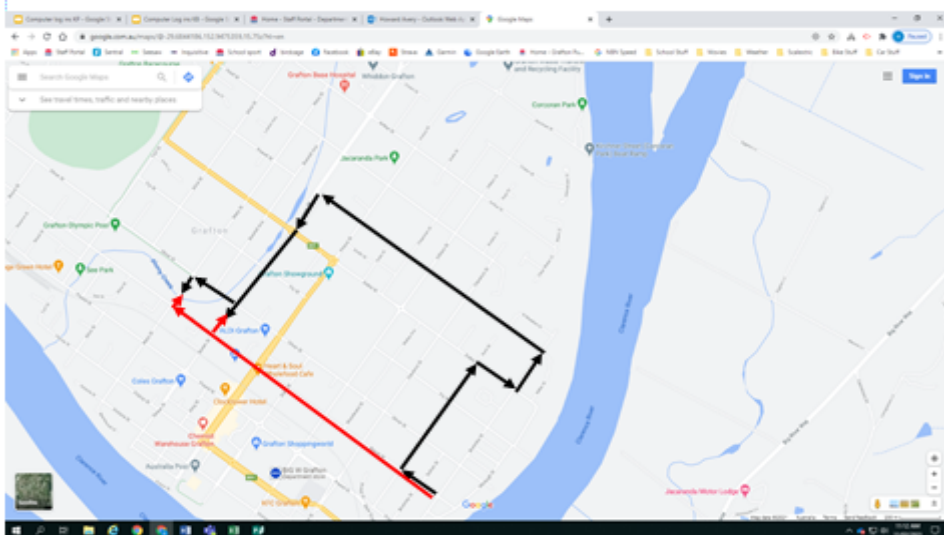
Due to the Easter school holiday break, there will no P & C meeting in April.  
The next P & C meeting will be on Tuesday the 11th of May at 6.30pm in our library.  
All welcome, please come along!



## 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](https://www.clarence.nsw.gov.au/cp_themes/metro/page.asp?p=DOC-JIF-61-52-64)



## SRC EASTER EGG GUESSING COMPETITION

One of the first activities for the SRC this year will be an Easter Egg guessing competition running on both the primary and infants campuses.

Continuing in Week 10 you will have the opportunity to guess how many eggs are in the jar. The winning guess takes home the chocolate!

Your guess will cost you 50c and you are only allowed to have one guess. The competition will be running first half lunch each day. The winning guess will be announced at Easter Hat Parade.





## Community Notices



### South Grafton High School Transition Days



Transition days being held at South Grafton High School for 2021 are:

**Term 2:** Yr 6 Sports Day, Week 3 Thursday 6 May, 10am - 2pm

**Term 3:** Yr 5 CAPA Day, Week 3 Thursday 29 July, 10am - 2pm

**Term 4:** Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day, Week 8 Tuesday 23 November.

The Year 6 Sport note will be forwarded before the end of this term.

**JUNCTION HILL  
FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

**MARCH 27** **GOLD COIN DONATION** **6pm**

Everyone welcome to come and join in this fun filled night at Junction Hill Tennis Courts. BBQ provided and drinks available to purchase.

Sports Included are:  
TENNIS  
SOCCER  
HOCKEY  
PICKLE BALL

+ lots of fun games

CONTACT DARREN 0419831023 OR JAIME 0450727723 OR MESSAGE US ON FACEBOOK

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*Simply Handmade Yamba  
Easter Market  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April from 9am till 1pm  
78 Angourie Road Yamba NSW 2464*



# 2021 AUTUMN VACATION CARE PROGRAM

## Tues 6 April to Mon 19 April

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



### CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 0466 306 220 or 6658 9757

Email: [admin@communityoosh.com.au](mailto:admin@communityoosh.com.au)

Web: [www.communityoosh.com.au](http://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 on the back of this program to be taken directly to our booking form. Alternatively, go to our website at [www.communityoosh.com.au](http://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





Tues 6 April	EXCURSION ILLUKA PICNIC		Today we're heading off to Illuka to follow the directions of that classic "Drifters" song and go "Under The Boardwalk Down By The Sea!" It's the last chance before winter is upon us to have a swim and a splash, catch some sun, some yabbies & crabs and maybe even a fish as well! Fun and games in the park, a headland walk and hot chip sandwich for lunch! Too good! EXCURSION COST \$ 6
Wed 7 April	IN CENTRE VIRTUAL TOURISM		It's a great big world out there but right now, and rather unfortunately I think for many years to come, we're having a hard time getting to it and travelling around it!! With so many places to go and things to do in this weird and wonderful world we've decided to act now and bring it to you! From the Maori War chants of New Zealand To the "bull riddled streets of Spain," today the world is your oyster!
Thurs 8 April	IN CENTRE "ULTIMATE HOLEY MOLEY CUBE TAG"		Your parents are right!!! If you sit in front of your screens all day you're an idiot! HOWEVER..... If you watch them appropriately you can get some great ideas to have some real life fun of your own! Today we'll combine the best activities from the TV hits "THE CUBE", "HOLEY MOLEY" and "ULTIMATE TAG". In a hilarious day of fun we'll test your skills and put you through your paces!
Fri 9 April	EXCURSION MOVIES "TOM & JERRY"		Your not going to believe this, but these guys have been at each other for over 80 years!!!! We're off to the movies today as Hanna - Barbera's "TOM & JERRY" hit the big screen to continue their ultimate game of cat and mouse! THEN, we'll head to the local reserve for some fun, games and a frolic in the sun! EXCURSION COST \$15 (includes slushie & popcorn)
Mon 12 April	EXCURSION SPRING LOADED		Rock climbing, sponge pits, trampolining, and the ultimate Ninja "wipe-out" obstacle course! It's the only place I know where parents love it when you're bouncing off the walls! THEN..... a picnic lunch at a reserve with fun, games and a splash & swim in the autumn sunshine! Today it's also time to hone your skills for a game of "ULTIMATE TAG" EXCURSION COST \$16
Tues 13 April	EXCURSION SHERWOOD ARCHERY CENTRE		The ability to fling a sharpened projectile through the air with lethal accuracy dates back to more than 17000 years ago to the Neolithic period! Modern man, with modern technology, has greatly refined it into an artform since then, and it's GREAT FUN!!! Join our band of "Merry men" today as we teach you the skills of "hand/eye" coordination and bring out your inner ROBIN HOOD! EXCURSION COST \$15
Wed 14 April	INCURSION "MULLAWAY CREATIVE CO" WORKSHOP		Get the creative juices flowing today with a chance to hone your skills and learn from the best! We've been lucky enough to secure the services of JIMMY WAGS and TULLI STEVENS from MULLAWAY CREATIVE CO for a creative workshop to teach you the tricks of the trade to create your own fantastic canvas creations! Then all you've got to do to be famous is grow old and out your ear off! COST \$10
Thurs 15 April	EXCURSION CENTRE SWAP		Ever wondered how the other half lived? Do you like exploring new places and discovering secrets that have been left "for your eyes only?" In a Community OOSH first, we're taking on a journey to mount a "raid" on our Fun Factory Centre to find the special treasures that've been hidden and left behind for you! Zip down the flying fox or find the secrets in Harry Potters bedroom under the stairs! EXCURSION COST \$5
Fri 16 April	IN CENTRE "CREEPY CREATURES"		For some people it's sharks, for some it's snakes and for others it's mythical monsters that hide in dark places! (Confession time, for me it's spiders!) Imaginary or real, today we're going to have fun with tackling the big questions in life about the creatures that give you goosebumps and shivers from head to toe! Where do they come from? Where do they go? And...are they waiting for me under my bed!
Mon 19 April (Pupil Free)	EXCURSION MOVIES "CRANSTON ACADEMY: MONSTER ZONE"		Join the adventures of 15 year old Danny today who has done a dumb thing on his first day of school! He's opened a portal and let THE MONSTERS into the school, and now he's got to work out how to get rid of them and put them back!!! THEN, we'll head to the local reserve for some fun, games and a frolic in the sun! EXCURSION COST \$15 (Includes slushie & popcorn)

**HOLIDAY ROUND UP :-** Welcome to another New Year as we continue our roller coaster ride along the tracks of 2021 and place the year that was 2020 in the trash! Along with the usual holiday fun of movies, SPRING LOADED, FISHING and CRAZY THEMED DAY FUN, in this holiday period we're excited to test our skills at the SHERWOOD ARCYERY CENTRE and ignite our artistic talents with the help of Jimmy and Tulli from the MULLAWAY CREATIVE CO. Book now!

Use this QR code to book at Grafton



DAVE'S RAVE :-

"THE TWANGING SOUND OF SNAPPING APRON STRINGS!"

Term 1 is the time of year where we bid a very warm welcome to all our new Kindy kids as they leave the confines of their Early Childhood Education and begin the independent journey down the path of Middle Childhood and BIG SCHOOL! Dear Parents, having been a teacher now for 35 years, I feel it is my duty to inform you of a sad, yet wonderful truth! Your beautiful babies will suddenly age 2 years in the first six months of school and OOSH and..... they're going to thrive and love it!!! It's time to form a trusting, collaborative, triangular partnership between Parents, School and OOSH to guide and educate your child to laugh and cry, win and lose, achieve and fail and to help THEM, GROW INTO THEM! In this acrobatic balancing act the two main components are knowing "when" to intervene and, more importantly.... "when not to!"





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**MONDAY 19 APRIL 9:00AM-2:30PM**  
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# Lunchtime Blues Bash

**AT THE CON**  
with  
Rob Hughes  
**12:30 - 1:30pm**  
**Wednesdays**

Inviting experienced musicians, drummers, bass, guitar and keyboard players.

Please bring your own instruments, sticks and leads. (Keys, amps and kit are provided).  
**Cost is \$65** (per 10 weeks)

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Ph: 6643 3555  
Email: [cvcon@cvcon.nsw.edu.au](mailto:cvcon@cvcon.nsw.edu.au)  
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## CLARENCE VALLEY YOUTH WEEK

**15-24 APRIL 2021**

<b>THURS 15/4 4-5PM</b> LIVE N LOUD GRAFTON LIBRARY CARPARK	<b>MON 19/4 4-5:30PM</b> DROP IN COURT'S CROSSING SKATE PARK	<b>FRI 23/4 4:30-5PM</b> MOVIE NIGHT YAMBA CINEMA
<b>FRI 16/4 1-5PM</b> KICK FLIPS & SIK FLIX SKATE COMP YAMBA SKATE PARK	<b>TUES 20/4 3:30-5PM</b> DROP IN OUT OF THE BOX WHERRITT PARK MACLEAN	<b>SAT 24/4 1-5PM</b> KICK FLIPS & SIK FLIX SCOOTER COMP GRAFTON SKATE PARK
<b>SAT 17/4 3-5PM</b> OPEN AIR CINEMA & SPORTS ARVO OUT OF THE BOX WHERRITT PARK MACLEAN	<b>WED 21/4 3-5PM</b> KICK FLIPS & SIK FLIX BMX COMP GRAFTON SKATE PARK	 @CLARENCEVALLEY...YOUTH  @CLARENCEVALLEY...YOUTH
<b>SUN 18/4 9-12PM</b> COLOUR FUN RUN JABOUR PARK SOUTH GRAFTON	<b>THURS 22/4 4-5PM</b> OPEN AIR CINEMA ILLKA OVAL	

**NSW YOUTH WEEK** **clarence** **your story your place** **NSW GOVERNMENT** **CRANES** **CVYH** **momentum** **NSW YOUTH GROUP** **Social Futures** **SOLIDMOB**

ALL YOUTH WEEK EVENTS ARE DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE. UNDER 12'S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS PLEASE CONTACT ALLIHA 0428 420 108

## 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](mailto:b.carnaby@bigpond.com)**  
(NDIS and "Creative Kids Voucher" Friendly)



# CLARENCE YOUTH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 12-18!

**WEEK 1**

## **Graffiti Art Workshop**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April – 11am to 1pm  
Baryulgil Community Hub  
Bookings essential – 0428 420 908

## **LASER SKIRMISH**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April – 2pm to 4pm  
Nymboida Camping and Canoe Centre, Nymboida  
Bookings essential – 0428 420 908

## **ART WITH JIMMY WAGS & TULLI STEVENS**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April – 3pm to 5pm  
Out of the Box, Grafton Skate Park  
Bookings essential – 0428 420 908

## **DROP IN & COOL SCIENCE**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April – 3:30pm to 5pm  
Out of the Box Maclean, Wherrett Park  
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

## **DROP IN & COOL SCIENCE**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April – 3:30pm to 5pm  
Out of the Box, Grafton Skate Park  
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

## **DRAMA CLUB**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April – 4pm to 5pm  
Headspace Grafton  
Bookings essential – 0402 662 538

## **SKATE DECK CREATIVE ART WORKSHOP**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April – 10am to 2pm  
Yamba Skate Park, Yamba  
Bookings essential – 6642 1520

## **GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April – 2pm to 4pm  
Lawrence Memorial Park, Lawrence  
Bookings essential – 0428 420 908

## **DROP IN & COOL SCIENCE**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April – 4pm 5:30pm  
Iluka Skate Park, Iluka  
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

## **LGBTQI+ YOUTH DROP IN**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April – 4pm to 5pm  
Grafton Library, Grafton  
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

## **LASER SKIRMISH**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April – 3pm to 5pm  
Coutts Crossing Skate Park, Coutts Crossing  
Booking essential – 0428 420 908

## **DROP IN & COOL SCIENCE**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April – 4pm to 5:30pm  
Treelands Drive Community Centre, Yamba  
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

For more information and updates, check out our Facebook pages 'Clarence Valley Youth Hubs' or 'Clarence Valley Youth'. The current COVID-19 situation has limited our capacity for numbers, so these activities will have restrictions, please call 0428 420 908 for more details and to make a booking. Outdoor activities will be postponed in the case of wet weather. Programs proudly sponsored by:

