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Grafton Public School Newsletter



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Term Calendar - [Click Here](#)

Term 2 Week 1: Friday 23rd April 2021

School Website - [Click Here](#)

From the Principal

Welcome back! It was wonderful to see the students back at school on Tuesday. There were numerous holiday stories shared and it was apparent that camping was a popular activity for families over the Easter period.

This week has been extremely busy with a number of PSSA sporting events, our Clarence District Cross Country and our special school ANZAC Day Service on the Primary Campus today. I would like to thank Mr Chris Goodall, Mr Scott Rhodes, Mr Garrett Salter and our School Leaders for their contributions to our special service today. On Sunday our school will be participating in the Grafton ANZAC Day march and service. We would like to see as many students as possible in full school uniform attending this event now that covid19 restrictions have eased. Students who participate in the march will be awarded with a community service award.

On the 11th May, NAPLAN testing will commence for our students in Years 3 and 5 across Australia. Students will participate in assessments for Reading, Language Conventions, Writing and Numeracy over a three-day period. We try to keep these assessments as stress free as possible for the students and encourage the students to just 'try their best' as they would on any day.

Next Friday we have our Ninja Warrior "Obstacool" fundraising event. Unfortunately, this was cancelled last term due to the floods, however, the students are looking forward to enjoying the ninja course next week.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11th May at 6:30pm in the school library. I will be presenting our four year School Improvement Plan. All welcome.

Michelle McDonagh
Principal

WHAT'S COMING UP...

Monday 26 April
- MNC Soccer trials

Thursday 29 April
- Meet and Greet Mrs Rose (3NG)
2.45pm to 3.30pm

Friday 30 April
- Ninja Warrior Obstacool event

Tuesday 11 May—Thursday 13 May
- Years 3 & 4 NAPLAN
- P&C Meeting 6.30pm

2021 GPS P&C Mums Retreat

It is time to start the countdown to the 2021 GPS P&C Mums Retreat which will be held 19-21 November 2021. Hopefully the pandemic will be well under control by then and we can enjoy a weekend away.

The bus leaves at 9am on Friday morning 19/11/21. We stay for 2 nights at the Bel-Air Resort at Broadbeach. You can shop, swim, relax, enjoy a beverage or two, gossip, sleep.....whatever you wish to do for the weekend. The bus will be a shopping taxi but you may choose to just hang at the resort for some "me time". We return to Grafton around 8pm on Sunday night 21/11/21.

Cost will be \$250 each which covers bus and accommodation. Rooms are 2 bedroom units so groups must be limited to maximum of 5.

If you would like to book a seat on the bus, let Miss Karen know by the end of May.



ANZAC DAY



This morning our students leaders led a commemorative ANZAC service for our Primary students.

Special thanks to Mr Salter, Mr Rhodes and Mr Goodall for their time.

ANZAC Day is this Sunday, 25th April. Although it is a weekend, Grafton Public School would like to be well represented at the city's march and invite all students from Kinder to Year 6 to join us.

In particular, we would appreciate all badged students (Prefects, SRC members, Library Monitors and House Captains) being present if possible. Students who attend will receive one of our Community Service Awards and an icy treat from the canteen. A reminder to Year 6 students that attendance at the ANZAC march is a requirement for the Year 6 STAR Award (or a note is needed explaining exclusion from parents).

If it is raining, the march will still take place. Please still come, with appropriate wet weather protection.

Arrangements are as follows:

Students are to wear FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM, including school hat.

Assemble at Market Square and report to attending staff no later than 9.15 am for the march which will begin at 9.30 am. Please ensure that you get your name marked off by a staff member.

The march will move along Prince St to the Cenotaph at Memorial Park (river end of Prince St) where students will sit for the short ceremony.

Parents collect students at the conclusion of the service. It is advisable for students to have sun screen on and water available after the march as it can still be quite hot at this time of the year.

We hope to see you there!

Reminders

Not long now till the **Ninja Warrior Obstacool** event (Friday 30th of April).

Don't forget to bring in your sausage sandwich order forms \$5 for the day by Wednesday the 28th of April. 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 .

Some Good Mood Food

Winner, winner, chicken dinner.....
or perhaps some clothes from Lowes!

You will recall in last term's newsletters and social media posts, we ran a draw for a chance to win Lowes vouchers for all families who paid their Voluntary Contributions before the end of term 1.

Congratulations to our two winners!
Theo Symons and his family and
Gypsy-Rose Biggs and her family



NSW PSSA Swimming Titles (Sydney)

Congratulations to Hannah who placed 10th over all in the open seniors MC freestyle and ranked 3rd in the s14 mc seniors for the 50m freestyle.

In the backstroke, Hannah placed 10th over all again in the open seniors mc and ranked 2nd in the s14 mc seniors. A **great effort!**



Our PSSA Cricket Teams played South Grafton PS yesterday and although they didn't win, they had a fabulous time. They also looked sharp in the new cricket uniforms! Mr Wicks and Mr Beau were impressed by the sportsmanship shown from all players and we wish SGPS the **best of luck** in their next round.



Our PSSA tennis team played the quarterfinal of the North Coast region today against Sawtell PS.

Although the schools were tied at four sets each, on a count back, Sawtell defeated GPS 32 games to 30.

Well done Myles, Charlie, Travis and Ashleigh.

Next week Charlie will represent the North Coast Tennis Team. We wish her a successful, injury free week of tennis.



Year 3 Swim School started today. Participation was high and we were happy to see so many of our students making an **enormous effort** to improve their swimming skills. Well done and keep it up!

The next P & C meeting will be on Tuesday the 11th of May at 6.30pm in our library.
All welcome, please come along!

MEET AND GREET

We have a new teacher at the school!

Mrs Keana Rose will be teaching 3NG for the remainder of the year. We encourage families to come and meet Mrs Rose at a 'Meet and Greet' on Thursday the 29th of April from 2.45pm to 3.30pm.

This session is designed to meet the families of students. Interviews and reports will be done at the end of the term.

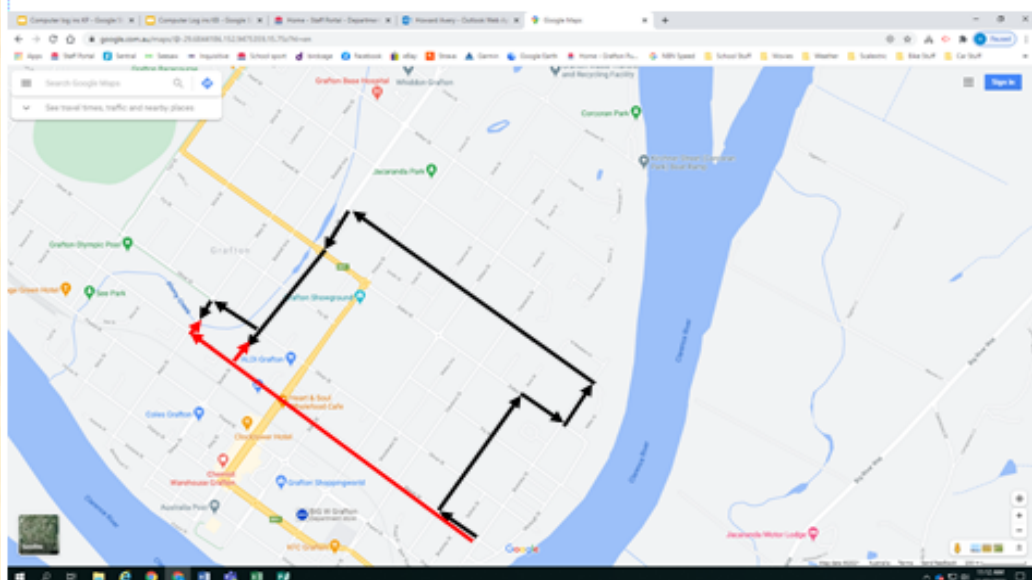
Please come along and say hello to Mrs Rose!



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



Year 5 Opportunity Class 2022—information

The application process for Year 5 opportunity class placement for entry in 2022 has begun. Important dates in the application process are as follows:

Tuesday 20 April 2021: Online applications opens

Friday 7 May 2021: Online applications closes (Parents and carers must apply by the due date.)

Tuesday 11 May 2021: Principals' processing site opens

Friday 28 May 2021: Principals' processing site closes

Wednesday 21 July 2021: Opportunity Class Placement Test

Parents and carers must apply online between **Tuesday 20 April and Friday 7 May 2021** at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

For more information or a copy of the form, please contact the school.

Placement procedures for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022

Intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022' **For metropolitan/regional applicants**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Opportunity classes cater for academically gifted and high potential students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Successful students will usually have to leave their current school to enrol in a school with an opportunity class for Years 5 and 6.

Testing and assessment

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. Students who wish to be considered for opportunity class placement will sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on **Wednesday 21 July 2021**.

How to apply

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2021, you need to apply between **Tuesday 20 April 2021** and **Friday 7 May 2021**. You will need to access the online application at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>. You must **not** use the child's email address.

If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after **Tuesday 20 April 2021**.

You must submit only **ONE application** for each student.

Important – the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Principal

THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS

You will need to register and then apply through the Department's website:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below by next Thursday.

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I intend to apply for opportunity class placement in 2022..... Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes

I have internet access and will be applying online ☐

OR

I do not have internet access and will use the public library to complete the application ☐

I understand that I need to register and then apply through the Department's website.

Signature of parent/carers: _____ Date: _____



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 is below.



South Grafton High School

Year 6 Sports Transition Day

Date: Thursday 6th May 2021

Time: 10am to 2pm

Venue: South Grafton High School



Students will participate in a variety of team building games and sports.

The aim is to support students with their transition to High School and to build connections across the students.

Students are to wear full school sports uniform. They are to bring a hat, sunscreen, lunch and water. Canteen Facilities are available.

For more information please contact Mr Smith at South Grafton High School - 66421466



MINIS PLAYERS

Our U6s, U7s, U9s and U10s are looking for more players to join our teams

If you have a son/daughter/friend in these age groups that are interested in playing rugby league, please contact -

Jo Lucas (Registrar) - 0448864542 or graftonjrl@hotmail.com

Come down and have a try at training and meet the team
Training is Fridays 4pm to 5pm at Frank McGuren field (opposite Westlawn School)

You can register online at -
[PlayRugbyLeague.com/register](https://playrugbyleague.com/register) → Grafton Junior Rugby League Club Inc.
→ Register

All ages - \$100 or use Active Kids Voucher
No weekly playing fees

*** Apply for the Active Kids Voucher before registering ***

New players will need to show their original Birth Certificate or current Passport

<https://www.facebook.com/GraftonGhostsJuniorRugbyLeagueClub/>

HOW TO REGISTER ONLINE FOR THE 2021 SEASON

--- Get the Active Kids Voucher BEFORE you register (Go to service.nsw.gov.au and search for Active Kids) ---

Step 1 - go to PlayRugbyLeague.com/register → Grafton Junior Rugby League Club Inc.
→ Register

As part of the registration process you will be prompted to login to your NRL Account. (If you don't have an existing NRL Account you will be able to create one during the registration process)

Step 2 - Login to your NRL Account and select the participant you wish to register or click 'Add New Participant'.

Once logged into your account, any participant that had registered in the previous system with that email will already be linked to your account and ready for registration.

Step 3 - Complete the registration form, ensuring the 'Type of Registration' field is correct as per the experience you are registering to (i.e. 'Player Tackle' or 'Player League Tag'. If you are registering as a Coach, ensure this field says 'Coach' etc.).

Note well these questions when registering

- Allow Medical Treatment?
Choose 'Yes' so our Sports Trainers are able to provide injury assistance.
'No' = no play
- Make Profile Private?
Choose 'No' to enable player points to be accumulated and appear on the system
- Apply for 18 Month Provision? (Playing Down an Age Group if born between July and December)
Players who are wanting to be considered, MUST APPLY AT REGISTRATION.
Each and every player that requests dispensation to play down will be assessed on their playing history, their size and their ability. No player is entitled to play down just because their date of birth is in the back half of the year.

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CLARENCE VALLEY CONSERVATORIUM

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)

REGISTER NOW at The Con
8 Villiers Street Grafton
Ph: 6643 3555
Email: cvcon@cvcon.nsw.edu.au
Web: cvcon.nsw.edu.au



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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)**



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9AM - 2PM

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