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# Grafton Public School Newsletter



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Term Calendar - [Click Here](#)

Term 2 Week 2: Friday 30th April 2021

School Website - [Click Here](#)



Year 6 recently received their Year 6 shirts and the leaders of our school look fantastic! This week, Year 6 had the opportunity to wear their shirts whilst on a leadership excursion. Students walked down to Memorial Park, ate lunch together and then participated in a range of games and activities which developed their leadership skills. Students then walked to the Clarence Regional Library to listen to a presentation by renowned author, Leigh Hobbs. Students listened to Leigh's stories about illustrating characters for his picture books and then students got to create their very own character. There were several members of the public and also staff at the Library who praised Year 6 for their positive and mature conduct throughout the excursion. Thanks must go to the Clarence Regional Library for hosting such a great event and we congratulate all our Year 6 students for being wonderful representatives of Grafton Public School!



### Mother's Day Stalls

Next week on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th May, the P & C will be running Mothers Day Stalls so our students have the chance to buy something for their mum. Students in every class will have the opportunity to buy from the stall (generally one or two things each). The lovely gifts available range in price from \$1 to \$10. These little gifts include things like candles, notebooks, mugs, pens, photo frames and lots lots more. If you wish for your child to buy a small gift please send along an appropriate amount of money on their designated day. As with most "shops" these days, we ask that the children please bring their own shopping bag.

All classes at the Infants Campus will visit the stalls on Thursday 6th May, whilst classes at the Primary Campus can buy on Friday 7th May. The P & C are seeking helpers for the stalls. If you can spare any time on either the Thursday or Friday, please let the office know and they will pass on your details to the P & C committee.

### COMING UP...

**Tuesday 11 May—Thursday 13 May**  
- Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN

**Thursday 6 May**  
- Infants Campus Mother's Day Stalls

**Friday 7 May**  
- Primary Campus Mother's Day Stalls

Bookclub Issue 3 is now available online and through cash payments.

All cash orders are due back to the library by  
**Friday the 7th May, Week 3.**

## Good Mood Food



Congratulations to Romey, Mason, Daniel, Keira, Damien, Ashleigh and Chelsea for these entries receiving Highly Commended in the 2021 Grafton Show. Great work!



Earlier this week, Toby, Jeremy and Madison travelled to Coffs Harbour to try out for selection in the North Coast Football (Soccer) teams. All three players were unlucky but had a great day, playing exceptionally well.



Congratulations to Jesse Martin who was selected for the next level in rugby league. Good on you Jesse!

On Wednesday, six students from Grafton Public School tried out for the next level in netball. Congratulations to Bridget, Paige, Savannah and Madison who were selected in the Clarence District Netball team. Well done girls!



Year 6 Leadership Day and Library Visit





It is with a touch of sadness that we have been informed that we will be losing our dance teacher, Miss Jocey in the not too distant future. As a school community, we are sad to see such a capable and positive teacher leaving us. Miss Jocey has been terrific. The rapport she has established with both staff and students has been a testament to her inspirational attitude and commitment. Our students have had a real connection with her. We hope Miss Jocey has enjoyed her time with us as much as we have enjoyed our time with her. On behalf of the staff and students, particularly the Performing Arts crew, we wish her all the very best as she heads off on her very positive life journey.

Tim Keogh—Performing Arts Coordinator

### SEEKING A DANCE INSTRUCTOR

We are currently seeking a dance instructor to take on the role of Dance Instructor at Grafton Public School. This position will involve choreographing and running rehearsals for our Junior and Senior Ensembles and is for approximately 3 hours per week. The age range of students is from 8-12 years of age. Members of the ensemble were chosen by audition.

Rehearsals are on Friday mornings. Both ensembles have a GPS teacher that carries out the role of Manager. These very dedicated teachers will support the dance instructor logistically and will help with the organisation of the ensembles. Dance at GPS is about fun, passion, team work and the rewards of working hard and receiving the satisfaction that these elements bring.

Both ensembles are performance based. There are a number of school and community events that allow the students to showcase their talents and passion.

We have chosen to focus on jazz and contemporary dance styles, with an emphasis on choreography that is innovative, age appropriate and dynamic. Repertoire is driven by the passion of the dance instructor but, generally we ask that a conversation regarding choices involves the Ensemble Manager.

What kind of person are we looking for?

We are looking for an inspirational, dynamic role model for our students. We are looking for a person who is passionate about what they do. The person we seek, must understand that at Grafton Public School, the journey is as important as the destination. We are also looking for a team member. In a dynamic school, there is a need for flexibility and an understanding that you will be an integral part of a life journey for each and every one of our students.

Benefits and perks:

You will always be greeted by excited smiling children who can't wait to dance with you! We encourage you to adapt your own creative and imaginative ideas as they will help maintain and develop a very positive environment for our students who have a real love of dance. Rates of pay will be in line with the Crown Employees SLSO Award.

Skills and experience:

There are a number of requirements including a current Working with Children Check. There will be some online training courses, which are mandatory for all DET employees, that we will discuss with the successful applicant.

Experience at running group dance rehearsals is a requirement. We also seek a person that has a demonstrated love of, and commitment to dance.

Applications for the position:

Applications can be forward to [grafton-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:grafton-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) Attention Tim Keogh

As a guide, you may like to include:

- Some information about yourself, your aspirations and the things that you are passionate about.
- A statement outlining the experience and skills that the applicant possesses in the field of dance.
- Information regarding dance teaching experience, particularly with primary aged students.
- Your vision for an ensemble and its development.
- Any supporting information, including referees that will help us get to know you as a person.
- Employment history (not necessarily dance related).

Selection Process:

Written applications will be considered by a panel made up of the Performing Arts team. It is as important that the successful applicant has the opportunity to get to know our team. They must be as happy to choose us, as we are to choose them. With that in mind, there will be a very informal interview. This will include a short dance rehearsal with a small number of students. We would like you to teach a short choreographed piece of your choice. We do not want this to be an arduous experience. It will give the short listed applicants a chance to get a feel for the program, the skill set of the students and an idea of the school environment that they may be working in.

For any further information, you may contact Tim Keogh, our Performing Arts Coordinator by email: [timothy.keogh@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:timothy.keogh@det.nsw.edu.au) or by phoning the school on 66421000.

Further information:

Due to COVID restrictions, we have not had many posts on our Facebook site involving our Performing Arts ensembles. We did however post a link to a closed concert we filmed mid last year. It features our dance ensembles.

The link is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hvy7UeuMhj8>

## OBSTACOOOL POSTPONED

We have had to postpone our Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course for a second time. The weather forecast wasn't in our favour today and the Obstacle Course company decided it would be unsafe to proceed if we had the rainfall that was forecast. The school is working with the company to set a new date in the next few weeks. The canteen will keep any money paid for sausage sizzles for the next date of the Ninja Warrior Course.

We will keep you posted.

## Reminders

### 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.

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

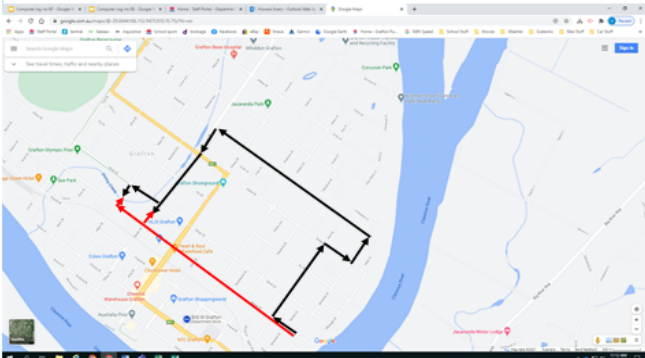
**School Banking**—A fun, interactive and engaging way to develop good saving habits. Don't forget our school banking day is **Tuesday**. Each week, bank books need to be handed to the classroom teachers for collection and they will be returned at the end of the day.

Our **canteen** on both campuses will no longer be open on Mondays and Tuesdays. Tuckshop for the infants campus will now be on Wednesdays.

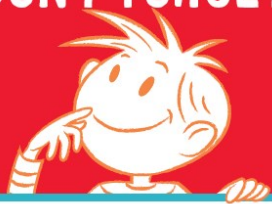


## BIKE BUS

- 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)



## DON'T FORGET!



### SCHOLASTIC Book Club

orders are due:

## Friday 7 May



Buy a book from **SCHOLASTIC Book Club** to help build our classroom resources

## 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>

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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: \_\_\_\_\_



**Year 6 to 7, 2022**

Parents, carers and students who wish to apply for entry into South Grafton High School Year 7 2022 are invited attend an information night.

- Tuesday 4 May, 2021
- 5:30pm to 6:30pm
- School hall
- Covid restrictions apply

[www.sthgrafton-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:www.sthgrafton-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)



**South Grafton High School**

**Year 6 Sports Transition Day**

Date: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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



**FUN FRIDAY**

for ages 8-13 yrs

starting **Friday 7th May**  
 @ Grafton Library from **4:00-5:00pm**

- friday 7th may lego - monster mix up
- friday 14th may craft - paper mobiles
- friday 21st may ozobots
- friday 28th may lego - tree forts
- friday 4th june paper craft
- friday 11th june craft - upcycled
- friday 18th june journal making
- friday 25th june 3D printing intro

it doesn't need to be the school holidays to have fun!

register at Grafton Library or online @ [crl.nsw.gov.au](http://crl.nsw.gov.au)

all events at your library are FREE




Grafton Library | [libraryevents@clarence.nsw.gov.au](mailto:libraryevents@clarence.nsw.gov.au) | [www.crl.nsw.gov.au](http://www.crl.nsw.gov.au) | (02) 6641 0100



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**SUNDAY 23 MAY**  
**3:00PM**  
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## 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](mailto: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://www.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](https://service.nsw.gov.au) and search for Active Kids) ---

Step 1 - go to [PlayRugbyLeague.com/register](https://www.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.

grab a friend & come along to the

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SUNDAY 2nd MAY  
9AM - 2PM

CARPARK Level ONE  
Park Beach Plaza - Coffs Harbour

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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](mailto:b.carnaby@bigpond.com)

(NDIS and "Creative Kids Voucher" Friendly)