

A Tradition of Excellence

Grafton Public School Newsletter



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Term Calendar - [Click Here](#)

Term 2 Week 7: Friday 4th June 2021

School Website - [Click Here](#)



On Thursday, Mrs Philp took her class to the infants campus to visit students in KB as part of the Buddy program. The students had a great time together!



Paralympian wheelchair tennis player, David Johnson from the Sports Ability School Inclusion Program visited our school this week and will return again on Wednesday and Thursday next week. David speaks about disability and inclusion whilst also teaching students wheelchair sports skills.

A reminder to families of the Senior and Junior Dance Ensembles: As per the note handed out last week, all orders for Mid North Coast t-shirts and hoodies must be done online and close this Friday, 4th June. This is to allow time for the students to receive them before the festival. No merchandise will be available to purchase on the night.



The Performing Arts crew would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Ali on board. Miss Ali has taken on the role of our Dance Instructor. She comes with a wealth of experience, a genuine enthusiasm and a love of dancing. She will be running rehearsals for our Senior and Junior Dance Ensembles —Mr Tim Keogh

COMING UP...

Monday 7 June

- North Coast Cross Country
- Event trials for Athletics Carnival (Primary)

Tuesday 8 June

- P & C Meeting 6.30pm

Wednesday 9 June & Thursday 10 June

- Sports Ability School Inclusion Program visits

Friday 11 June

- Book Club orders due

Monday 14 June

- Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 22 June

- Mid North Coast Dance Festival Coffs Harbour

Wednesday 23 June

- Athletics Carnival

Thursday 24 June

- Silver & Bronze Badge ceremony, Primary campus

Noticeboard

Our students are beginning to prepare for our annual **Athletics Carnival** being held later this term on **Wednesday 23rd of June**. Next Monday students in Years 3 to 6 will be participating in trials for our athletics field events (high jump, long jump, shot putt and discus). Students are advised to come in their **sports uniform** on this day, **Monday 7th of June**.

A reminder to all Infants parents that all pocket **toys** brought to school must be labelled with your child's name. This includes the latest trending poppit toys and beyblades. Currently the campus rule is that students are allowed to bring only one beyblade to school. Please ensure that each part of the toy is labelled (as they sometimes come apart in "battle") and have a chat to your child about not sharing toys at school. Beyblades has become a popular lunchtime activity and we hope it will continue if students follow the rules.

The next P & C meeting will be on Tuesday the 8th of June at 6.30pm in our library.
All welcome, please come along!

Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge for 2021 is well under way. Students can find the Premier's Reading Challenge Site at home by logging onto their student portal and clicking on the link.

Students in K-2 will complete a shared reading challenge during their Library lessons and their books will be logged by Mrs Penfold. Students in grade 3-6 will complete the challenge independently.

All students participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge will receive a certificate. Many students from Grafton Public School will be completing the challenge for the fourth year and will receive a Gold Certificate for this. The Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on the Friday the 20th August, 2021. It is asked that primary students complete their reading register by this date so that it can then be validated by Mrs Penfold.

Number of books required to complete the challenge:

K-2– 30 books (25 of these must be PRC books) **Purple dot** books at GPS

Yrs 3-4– 20 books (15 of these must be PRC books) **Green dot** books at GPS

Yrs 5-6– 20 books (15 of these must be PRC books) **Orange dot** books at GPS

Bookclub issue 4 for 2021 is now available.

Cash orders are due back to the library by **Friday the 11th June, Week 8**.



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



Upcoming Major Excursions: Term 3 is the term for all our major overnight excursions. Years 4 and 5 will enjoy their 3 day camps at Lake Ainsworth, Year 6 will travel to Canberra and the snow for a fantastic time and the Performing Arts Ensembles will tour Brisbane and surrounds, entertaining the crowds as they go.

Final cost for all of these excursions has been set and has been invoiced to students (with the exception of Performing Arts and parents should refer to the note given last week).

The Lake Ainsworth Camp will be \$250 as indicated on the original note.

Payment by instalments or by a repayment plan is recommended and welcomed as we quite understand that family budgets are always tight. Parents are reminded that excursions must be paid in full at least a fortnight before the departure date.

Information packs are now available for **Kindergarten 2022**. If any parents have littlies due to start "big school" next year in 2022, please collect your **enrolment packs** from the Infants Office.

Similarly, if you have a neighbour, friend or relative who has a pre-schooler ready to start school, please also encourage them to pick up an enrolment pack.

We ask that completed enrolment forms be returned as soon as possible as our **Kinder Kritters transition program commences in Term 3**.

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 Hours



Just a reminder that the school is open at 8:20am each morning which is 30 minutes prior to the academic school day commencing and is in line with the NSW Department of Education guidelines. At 8:20am supervision commences on both campuses and this is when students should start entering the school grounds (up until the morning bell at 8:45am).

With the installation of the secure fencing on the K-2 Campus, the front gate in Mary Street will be unlocked at 8:15am by the Infants office staff when they commence duties. The front gate and playground will be supervised by staff on both campuses from 8:20am.

The school day concludes at 2:45pm with the school office officially closing at 3:15pm. Staff are on duty to supervise the main gates until 3:00pm and then any students still onsite are required to wait with the bus duty teacher or wait in the office area. Contacts and then emergency contacts (if required) will be called if students are not collected from school.

If you require before or after school care, OOSH services are available from Grafton Super Centre at 295 Hoof Street and they will provide transport for the students to school in the morning and collect the students from school in the afternoon. OOSH Contact details are: 66589757 or 0466306220.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au



Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight
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4 weeks



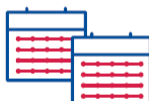
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Over **1** year missed

1 day per week
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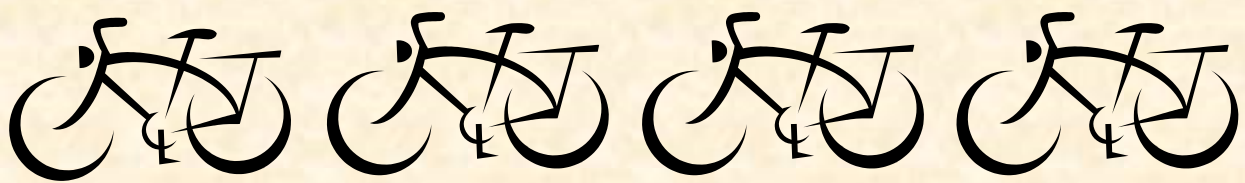
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Over **2.5** years missed

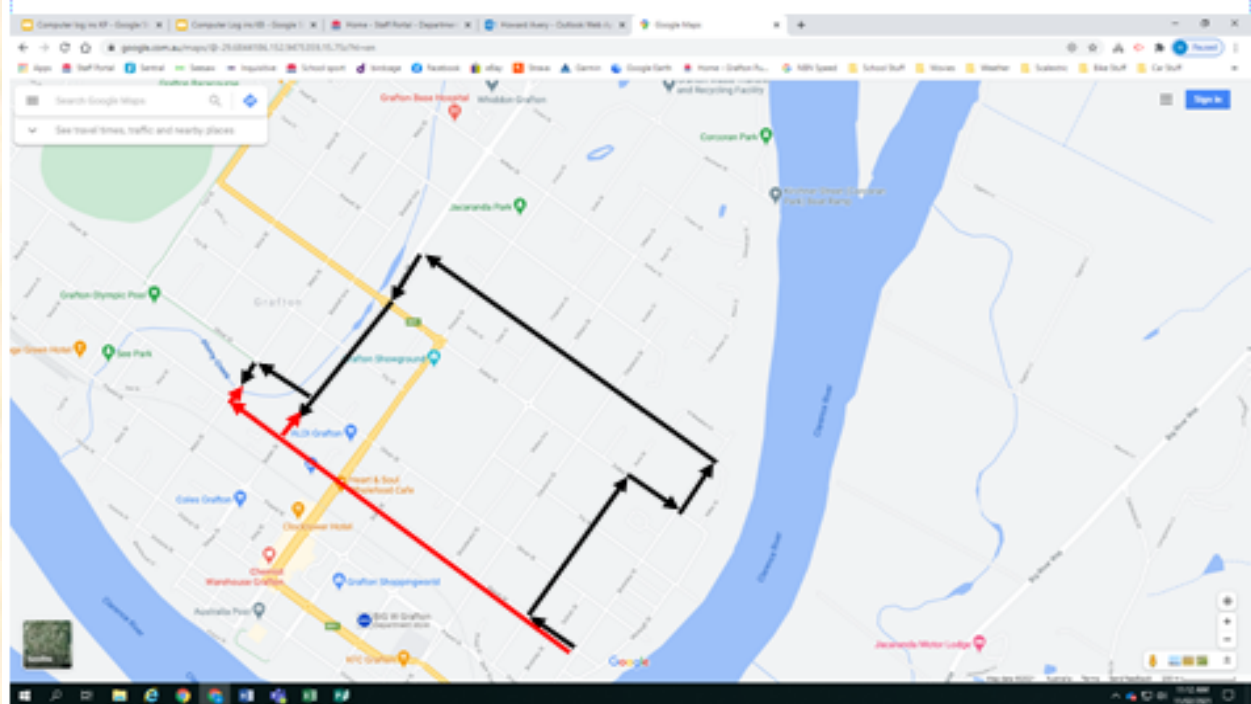
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BIKE BUS



- 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





Purple Light Disco

SATURDAY JUNE 26 6PM TO 8.30PM

JUNIOR JACARANDA QUEEN CANDIDATE FUNDRAISER
NEW SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL - SPRING ST SOUTH GRAFTON
 TICKETS: \$10 PER CHILD OR \$40 FOR 5 CHILDREN
 AGED 8 TO 15 YEARS
www.jacarandafestival.com/events
 *TICKET PRICE INCLUDES PARTY FOOD & BEVERAGE

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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

all events at your library are FREE




Grafton Library | libraryevents@clarence.nsw.gov.au | www.crl.nsw.gov.au | (02) 6641 0100

CREATIVE KIDS

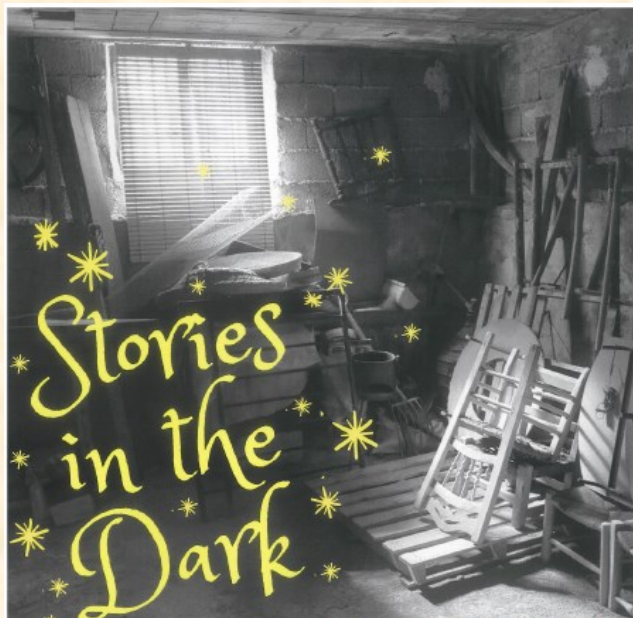
FOR KIDS FROM K-6

TIME: 5.30-6.30PM
 PLACE: 116 OLIVER ST STREET, GRAFTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 COST: \$3
 CONTACT: JAMES ON 0402 354 099

FRIDAY JUNE 11TH

CREATIVE KIDS CLUB, A GROUP FOR CREATIVE KIDS K-6. ALSO HAVE AFTERNOON TEA AND SNACKS AND HEAR A COOL BIBLE TOPIC.
 COVID-SAFE PRACTICES IN PLACE





Stories in the Dark

WRITTEN BY **DEBRA OSWALD**
 DIRECTED BY **K HUBBARD**

PELICAN PLAYHOUSE
 THROUGH ST SOUTH GRAFTON
JUNE 11-20

11TH JUNE 7:30PM
 12TH JUNE 7:30PM
 18TH JUNE 7:30PM
 19TH JUNE 7:30PM
 20TH JUNE 2:00PM

TIX \$20 AVAILABLE FROM STICKY TICKETS [HTTP://TIX.YT/STORIES](http://TIX.YT/STORIES)



Family Fun Day

Saturday 19 June, 10am-4pm
 Coult's Crossing Tavern, Armidale Rd



Over 20 market stalls

Kids amusements

LIVE MUSIC

Skyhigh Rock Climbing Wall

Monster raffles with over 30 prizes

Entry by gold coin donation

All proceeds to support Jacaranda Queen Candidate Breeze Paine's fundraising

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Community Notices



Grafton Basketball Association Inc.

Competition Costs



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|-----------------------|---------------|
| Minniball | \$6.00/week |
| High School | \$6.00/week |
| Aussie Hoops | |
| New Participant | \$100/program |
| Returning Participant | \$60/program |



Registration

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| 18 & over | \$ 100.00 |
| 12-17yrs | \$ 80.00 |
| 8-11yrs | \$ 50.00 |
| Under 8 | \$ 20.00 |
| Non-playing Member/ Affiliate | \$ 15.00 |
| Life Members | \$ 12.60 |



P O Box 80
Grafton NSW 2460
Phone: 0412 659 017
Email: admin@graffonbasketball.com.au
Message Grafton Vikings Facebook Page



Grafton Basketball Association Inc.

Junior Competition



MONDAYS (during school term)

4PM Miniball

For Primary School aged Children
5 to 14yrs

5PM High School

For High School aged Children 14
to 18yrs



TUESDAYS

4PM Aussie Hoops

For Children aged 4 to 10yrs

NORTH COAST SHIELD

Late July to early November

For Children aged 8 to 17yrs



P O Box 80
Grafton NSW 2460
Phone: 0412 659 017
Email: admin@graffonbasketball.com.au
Message Grafton Vikings Facebook Page



NORTH COAST SHIELD COMPETITION



North Coast Shield is a BNSW endorsed competition.

It is a development league suitable for players who understand the basics and are new to competitions.

It begins late July with a Pre-season Carnival and Competition Games are played tournament style in one day on a Sunday between the hours of 7am and 8pm from August to November.

| AGE GROUP | NOMINATION FEE PER TEAM PER ROUND | TOTAL ROUNDS | TOTAL COST PER TEAM | APPROX. COST PER PLAYER |
|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Under 10's | \$160 | 5 | \$800 | \$80 TO \$100 |
| Under 12's | \$170 | 5 | \$850 | \$85 TO \$107 |
| Under 14's | \$190 | 5 | \$950 | \$95 TO \$120 |
| Under 16's | \$210 | 5 | \$1,050 | \$105 TO \$131 |
| Under 18's | \$230 | 5 | \$1,150 | \$115 TO \$144 |

Grafton attempts to have a 8 to 10 players per team. The costs above are indicative as they are based on 2020 fee structure.

There will be additional cost for BNSW Registration and training, which will be held either on a Tuesday or Thursday.

Fees can be offset with the Active Kids Vouchers.

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)

Community Notices

2021 WINTER VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Mon 28 June to Mon 12 July

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, 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 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 |

APPLY NOW! ISS are looking for School Cleaners



ISS is a leading global workplace experience and facility management company. In partnership with customers, ISS drives the engagement and well-being of people, minimises the impact on the environment, and protects and maintains property.

We are seeking value-orientated people to join our local team of 17,000 service professionals, who can help us realise our Purpose of "Connecting People and Places to Make the World Work Better".

Our team is growing and we currently seeking cleaners to join ISS. You will provide high cleaning services to Public Schools, TAFES and Government Buildings. You will be employed on a casual basis with opportunity to ongoing permanent work. Various of rosters are available; Monday to Friday early morning (5-9am) and/or afternoon (2-6pm) and Temporary Disinfecting shifts (11am-3pm).

We are seeking cleaners around:

- North Coast: Coffs Harbour, Taree, Port Macquarie, Ballina, Tweed Heads and Lismore (Driver license and a car is essential)
- South West Sydney: Bankstown, Liverpool, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Ingleburn, Auburn, Merrylands and Strathfield areas (Driver license and a car is essential)
- Sydney: Ashfield area, St George area, Sutherland Shire area, Sylvania/Cronulla area, Marrickville area, Eastern Suburbs and CBD (Public transport is acceptable)

Role responsibilities:

- Cleaning all facilities including classrooms, bathrooms, kitchens and grounds
- Disinfecting high touch points areas
- Working autonomously with little supervision & commitment to safe work practices
- Ability to obtain a Working with Children number & ability to pass a Police Check
- Must be physically fit and able to meet the demands of the job

If you are interested and meet the above criteria, please complete your online application via Scanning our QR code!

If you have any questions or need more information please e-mail sandra.moussa@au.issworld.com



PEOPLE MAKE PLACES "Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply"

