

A Tradition of Excellence

Grafton Public School Newsletter



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Term Calendar - [Click Here](#)

Term 2 Week 8: Friday 11th June 2021

School Website - [Click Here](#)



Over the past couple of weeks it has been our pleasure and privilege to have Paralympian David Johnson at our school delivering the Social Futures "Sports Ability School Inclusion Program". Students in Years 5 and 6 took part and absolutely loved it. David spoke to the children about disability and inclusion whilst also teaching them some wheelchair sport skills. All of the children were fully engaged in each session and it was an awesome experience. Thank you to David and his team. We hope we can have them back next year.



Our Junior and Senior Dance Ensembles are participating in the Mid North Coast Dance Festival on Tuesday 22nd June in Coffs Harbour. Notes were handed out to students today with more information about this event.

Tickets for the event are available through the following link.
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=771629...>

COMING UP...

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

Friday 25 June

- Last day of school for Term 2

Monday 12 July

- Staff Development Day
(Students do not start back today)

Tuesday 13 July

- Students return for first day of
Term 3 today

During the week we held our Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking stage finals. It was a very close contest with all our speakers doing a fine job. For many it was their first time speaking in front of a larger audience. Congratulations goes to all our speakers and well done to Koby Carpenter, Harrison Kelemec, Will Rhodes and Ardra Rautenberg who have progressed through to the next round.



The Annual General Meeting of the Grafton Public School P & C will be held on Tuesday 13th July at 6pm in our library. This will be followed by our regular monthly meeting at 6.30pm.
All welcome, please come along!

Good Mood Food



Our GPS PSSA boys hockey team played in glorious conditions down at the Grafton Hockey Complex today. The team played against Westlawn in their first match and won 5-0. They then went on to defeat South Grafton Primary 2-0. Now they are in round 3 of the NSW PSSA Knockout Competition. The details of this next round will be forthcoming. Great work!



The GPS Rugby League team travelled to Coffs Harbour on Thursday to play in a gala day that was organised by the NRL for North Coast public schools. The team represented our school in spectacular fashion. They were a pleasure to coach and their teamwork was outstanding. Of the three games that were played, they managed to win all of them. All players contributed to a successful day—Mr Stanford

A huge thank you to Mr Stanford, Mr Craythorn for driving the bus and Warwick Brown from the NRL for helping organise the day.



On Monday students in grades 3-6 participated in athletics trials in preparation for our carnival later in the term.



Tegan Watters and Oden Mansfield have qualified for the NSW State all schools Cross Country championships. Woo hoo! What an effort!



There were smiles and many happy tears when our band visited Dougherty Villa today. It was the first time in 18 months that the children had performed for an audience and what an appreciative audience it was. Feet were tapping and hands clapping. The most beautiful sight was when our students mingled at the end of the performance. GPS staff in attendance were very proud of all of the students. Thanks for having us Dougherty Villa. We will be back.



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.

Have you **changed your contact details**? If you have had any change of address, phone number, have changed your preferences for an emergency contact or if there has been a change in family circumstances, **please let us know**. Keeping updated information is very important but especially so if you have a sick child. Thank you!

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. The school will be providing some stadiums for use so students will no longer need to bring a stadium to school. Beyblades have become a popular lunchtime activity and we hope it will continue if students follow the rules.

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

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.

Attention: Infants Students and Families - ALL students with bikes or scooters are to leave the school via the bus gate. They are to walk their 'wheels' to the gate and wait near the tree for their parent to collect them. There are sensible reasons for this:

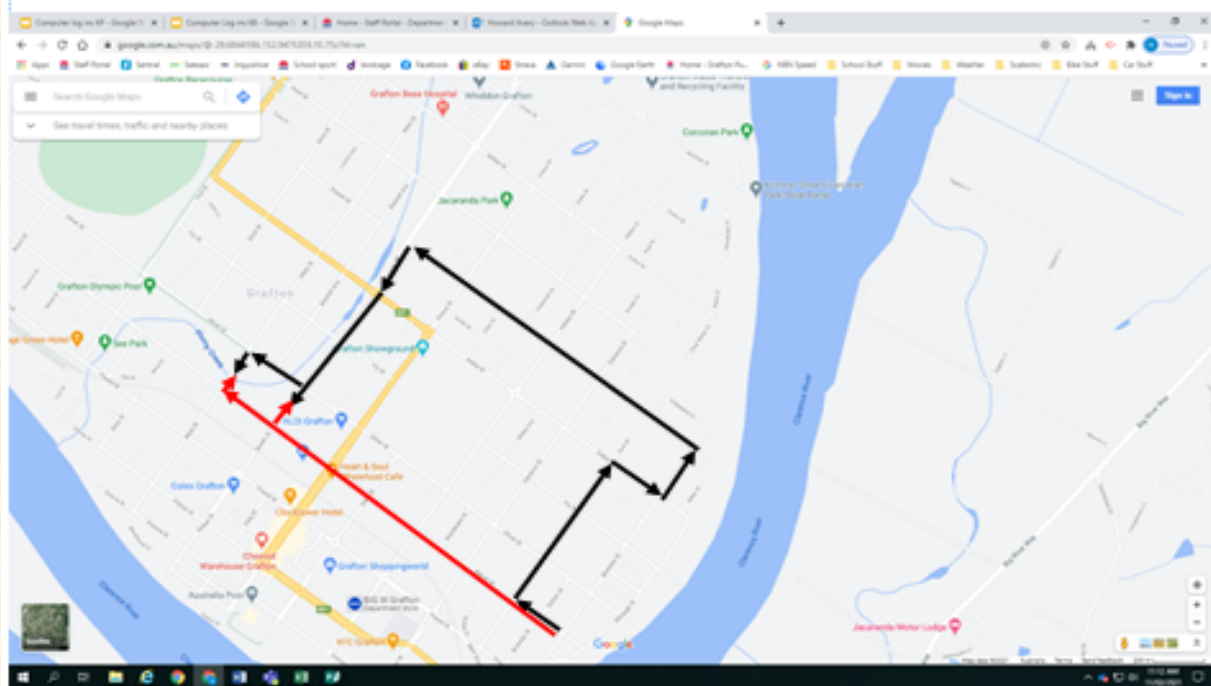
1. With Year 2 and Kinder exiting through the front path it is very congested and a safety issue.
2. The students have to negotiate the front steps with their 'wheels', another WHS issue.
3. By exiting through the bus gate there are no ramps or steps between the bike racks and the gate.
4. Low volume of students using that gate at 2:45-2:50pm.
5. 'Wheeled' students are under the eye of bus duty teachers whilst waiting to be collected.



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

clarence valley libraries presents...

URZA

AND THE SONG IN THE DARK

by Matriark Theatre

for kid-dults & ages 7+

wednesday 7 july
10:30am
graffton library

scan here

book your FREE tickets now!

wednesday 7 july
4:30pm
maclean civic hall

scan here

this project is supported by the NSW state Government through Create NSW

INNER WEST Matriark Theatre clarence valley council

NSW GOVERNMENT ARTS ON TOUR your library - your place

clarence valley libraries | libraryevents@clarence.nsw.gov.au | www.crl.nsw.gov.au | (02) 6641 0121

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)

CREATIVE KIDS

FOR KIDS FROM 4-6

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.VT/STORIES

Family Fun Day

Saturday 19 June, 10am-4pm
Coultts Crossing Tavern, Armidale Rd

Over 20 market stalls
Kids amusements
Skyhigh Rock Climbing Wall
Monster raffles with over 30 prizes
LIVE MUSIC

Entry by gold coin donation

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

Australia's premier Jacaranda festival
www.jacarandafestival.com

Jacaranda Festival

july holiday program @ your library

30 june - 8 july 2021

all events at
your library
are FREE

Grafton

tuesday 29 june
Shadow Puppets

Create your own shadow puppets using simple materials. You'll be able to take them home to present your own show!
10:30-11:30am
Ages 5+

wednesday 30 june
3D printing @your library

Learn how to make a bubble wand with a 3D printer.
2:30-3:30pm
Ages 8+



saturday 3 july
DnD Winter Delve

Dig into this Dungeons and Dragons Delve these school holidays. Chips and soft drink provided.
12pm-5pm

tuesday 6 july
Upcycled NAIDOC Mobile

Make your own hanging mobile using recycled library books.
10:30-11:30am
Ages 4-8

tuesday 6 july
Learn to Knit with the Knit Wits
Learn to knit with Grafton Library's famous knitting group, the Knit Wits!
2pm-4pm
Ages 8+

wednesday 7 july
'Urza and the Song in the Dark' - Free Theatre Show @Grafton Library
'Urza and the Song in the Dark' is a shadow adventure story for kid-dults and children 7 years and up. This story is brought to life through a combination of shadow puppetry, live music and physical theatre by Matriark Theatre.
10:30-11:30am



Iluka

friday 2 july
Build a Book Bookshelf

Upcycle library books into a funky hanging bookshelf.
10:30-11:30am



friday 9 july
Paddlepop-stick Planes and Rockets

Set your inner engineer free and create your own fabulous flying machine.
10:30-11:30am

Yamba

tuesday 29 june
Library LEGO Legends

Be a Library LEGO Legend these school holidays. This is a free, fun and fully LEGO activity @your library.
10:30-11:30am
Ages 8+

tuesday 6 july
Library LEGO Legends

10:30-11:30am
Ages 8+

bookings essential
'What's On'
at crl.nsw.gov.au



Maclean

thursday 1 july
Mandala Masterpieces

Create your own mandalas using lids and other recycled plastic. Create over and over again.
10:30-11:30am
All ages

wednesday 7 july
'Urza and the Song in the Dark' - Free Theatre Show @ Maclean Civic Hall
'Urza and the Song in the Dark' is a shadow adventure story for kid-dults and children 7 years and up. This story is brought to life through a combination of shadow puppetry, live music and physical theatre by Matriark Theatre.
4:30-5:30pm



thursday 8 july
Mandala Masterpieces
10:30-11:30am
All ages

Mobile

wednesday 30 june
Zentangles @Coutts Crossing
Create your own horse-inspired Zen masterpiece by doodling and watercolouring.
2:30-3:30pm
Ages 5+

thursday 1 july
Library LEGO Legends @Copmanhurst
Be a Library LEGO Legend these school holidays. This is a free, fun and fully LEGO activity @your Mobile library.
2:30-3:30am
Ages 8+

tuesday 6 july
Zentangles @Minnie Water
2:30-3:30pm
Ages 5+

thursday 8 july
Zentangles @Brushgrove
10:30-11:30am
Ages 5+



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