

A Tradition of Excellence

Grafton Public School Newsletter



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Term Calendar - [Click Here](#)

Term 2 Week 9: Friday 18th June 2021

School Website - [Click Here](#)

LAKE AINSWORTH CAMPS

For the attention of Year 4 and Year 5 parents: It is not long now until Year 4 and 5 students head away to their Lake Ainsworth Excursion. Year 4 will head away in Week 2 of Term 3 with Year 5 going in Week 3 of next term.

Online registration is now open for both camps which involves parents getting online and completing details (including medical details) for their child. This must be done no later than **25th June**. Please ensure this is done as soon as possible.

The links are below:

YEAR 4

<https://officeofsport.ungerboeck.com/.../register.aspx...>

YEAR 5

<https://officeofsport.ungerboeck.com/.../register.aspx...>

A reminder that full payment is due by the end of term.

COMING UP...

Monday 21 June

- NAIDOC Opening ceremony

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



CONGRATULATIONS Koby!

Koby Carpenter (far left) has won one of the local finals of the 2021 Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition! Koby, Harrison, Will and Ardra made their way to Evans River Community School to participate in the finals today. We are very proud of all our speakers who represented Grafton Public School so well today and spoke so wonderfully.

Well done!



On Tuesday this week our GPS netballers travelled all the way down to Port Macquarie to compete. The girls showed great sportsmanship in their game against Telegraph Point Public School but unfortunately were defeated. We wish the team well in their next games, as part of the Schools Cup to be played in Casino. We thank Mr Craythorn for driving the bus and Caitlin for coming along as our umpire. Well done everyone!

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!

GPS Ninja Warrior



Wow!! Grafton PS is so lucky to have many families sponsor our major fundraising event of the year 'Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course'.

The students had a fabulous day earlier this term completing hundreds of laps jumping, running and hurdling through the many inflatable objects. The school raised over \$10,000 and you all played a part in making this such a successful event. THANK YOU!

Classes K-6LC, K-6LJ, K-6TA, Kindy Purple and Kindy Yellow were eligible for the additional session on the course raising the most amount of money.

A special shout out goes to Kaiden in K-6LC who raised the most amount of money. He loved receiving his new scooter today.

Grade winners who will look forward to shopping at Big W:

- K – Cayden F
- 1 – Harrison W
- 2 – Patrick S
- 3 – Maximus C
- 4 – Isobel K
- 5 – Vinh C
- 6 – Madison D
- Support Unit – Amy C



Other prizes included a movie ticket, a visit to the iScream shop, a VIP haircut, an artpack or sporting ball. We thank these local businesses for their continued support.

Thank You



Grafton Public School would like to thank the following local businesses in supporting our 2021 Ninja Warrior Obstacle fundraising event.

- ☐ Grafton Saraton Movie Voucher



- ☐ I Scream Voucher



- ☐ Red Hot Hair Boy or Girl VIP Haircut



- ☐ Sporting Balls and gift vouchers



GREEN LEVEL REWARD

TERM 2 2021

THURSDAY 24TH OF JUNE

Mufti Clothing with sensible footwear

All students will be participating in the Green Level Rewards session happening on Thursday 24th of June. Students have been awarded points each week this term for demonstrating our 4 PBL values: Set a good example; Tolerate Differences; Always do your best and Respect Everyone.

Infants 1:15-2:45pm

Activities include:

- Pizza and Picnic Party
- Disco
- Sport session
- Gameboards

Primary 11:15-1pm

Activities include:

- Bring your wheels for a pizza picnic
- Talent Quest
- Lego/Robotic Building
- Bingo and Charades
- Gameboards

Any student who is eligible and has selected the pizza party will receive a letter home today.

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 last week with more information about this event.

Tickets for the event are available through the following link.

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=771629...>



Noticeboard

Are your **contact details correct**? 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.



NAIDOC Opening Monday 21st June

At 11:25am our GCoS NAIDOC Opening ceremony will commence in the Yarning Circle at Grafton Public School. Students will be seated on the basketball court to watch our Aboriginal Dance Group perform, our beginner Didge group perform for the first time, Lennox M perform the Didge and hear from Aboriginal elder guest speakers on the topic 'Heal Country'.

Due to Covid Restrictions, the following procedures must be followed:

- All parents or community members coming to watch the performers must sign in using the QR code at the front office or at the gate in Mary Street (to make it easier for visitors to access the yarning circle). If you don't have QR technology, you must sign in at the front office.
- If you are sick, have cold symptoms or have visited an identified high-risk area, please do not attend any school events.
- All adults will need to adhere to the physical distancing regulations of 1.5m distance.

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:

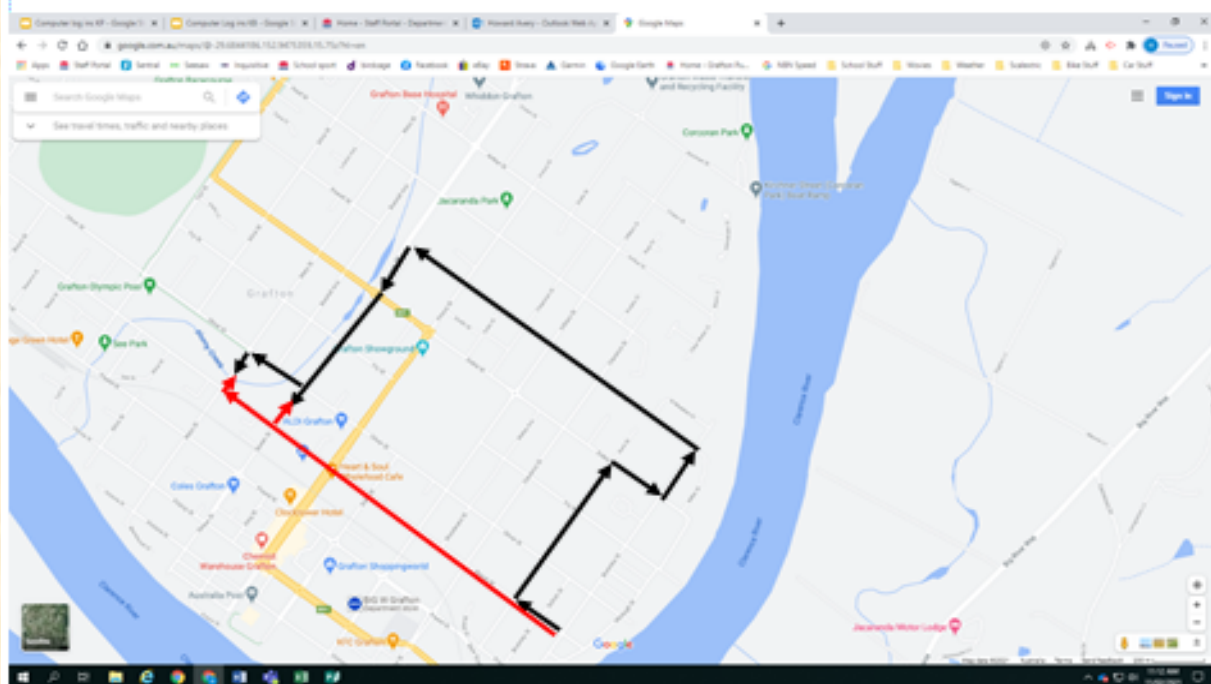
1. With Year 2 and Kinder exiting through the front path it is very congested and a safety issue.
2. The students have to negotiate the front steps with their 'wheels', another WHS issue.
3. By exiting through the bus gate there are no ramps or steps between the bike racks and the gate.
4. Low volume 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

book your FREE tickets now!

wednesday 7 july
4:30pm
maclean civic hall

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

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

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](http://tix.vt/stories)

SUMMERLAND CREDIT UNION

Family Fun Day

Saturday 19 June, 10am-4pm

Coutts Crossing Tavern, Armidale Rd

Over 20 market stalls

Kids amusements

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

Australia's premier Jacaranda festival

www.jacarandafestival.com

GRAFTON Jacaranda Festival

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 25TH

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

find us on facebook

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)

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+



CLARENCE YOUTH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 12-18!

WEEK 1

ART WITH JIMMY WAGS & TULLI STEVENS

Monday 28th June – 2pm to 4pm
Lawrence Hall, Lawrence
Bookings essential – 0428 420 908

DROP IN & COOL SCIENCE

Monday 28th June – 4pm to 5:30pm
Coutts Crossing Skate Park, Coutts Crossing
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP

Tuesday 29th June – 2pm to 4pm
Iluka Skate Park, Iluka
Bookings essential – 0428 420 908

DROP IN & COOL SCIENCE

Tuesday 29th June – 3:30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box Maclean, Wherrett Park
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

DROP IN & COOL SCIENCE

Wednesday 30th June – 3:30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box, Grafton Skate Park
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

DRAMA CLUB

Wednesday 30th June – 4pm to 5pm
Headspace Grafton
Bookings – 0402 662 538

GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP

Thursday 1st July – 2pm to 4pm
Nymboida Hall, Nymboida
Bookings essential – 0428 420 908

LGBTQI+ YOUTH DROP IN

Thursday 1st July – 4pm to 5pm
Grafton Library, Grafton
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

DROP IN & COOL SCIENCE

Thursday 1st July – 4pm to 5:30pm
Iluka Skate Park, Iluka
Booking essential – 6640 3800

ART WITH JIMMY WAGS & TULLI STEVENS

Friday 2nd July – 2pm to 4pm
Minnie Water Hall, Minnie Water
Booking essential – 0428 420 908

DROP IN & COOL SCIENCE

Friday 2nd July – 4pm to 5:30pm
Hakea Park, 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:



CLARENCE YOUTH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 12-18!

WEEK 2

LASER SKIRMISH

Monday 5th July – 2pm to 4pm
Bailey Park, Ulmarra
Bookings essential – 0428 420 908

DROP IN & NINJA WARRIOR COURSE

Monday 5th July – 4pm to 5:30pm
Coutts Crossing Skate Park, Coutts Crossing
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

LASER SKIRMISH

Tuesday 6th July – 11am to 1pm
Baryulgil Community Hub, Baryulgil
Bookings essential – 0428 420 908

VR & CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Tuesday 6th July – 2pm to 4pm
TAFE Connected Learning Centre, Yamba
Bookings essential – 0428 420 908

DROP IN & NINJA WARRIOR COURSE

Tuesday 6th July – 3:30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box Maclean, Wherrett Park
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

DROP IN & HELMET PAINTING

Wednesday 7th July – 10:30am to 12noon
Out of the Box, Grafton Skate Park
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

DESIGN & PRINT WORKSHOP

Thursday 8th July – 10am to 12noon
Nymboida Hall, Nymboida
Bookings essential – 0428 420 908

LASER SKIRMISH

Thursday 8th July – 2pm to 4pm
Alex Bell Park (Pirate Park), South Grafton
Bookings essential – 0428 420 908

DROP IN & NINJA WARRIOR COURSE

Thursday 8th July – 10:30am to 12noon
Iluka Skate Park, Iluka
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

DESIGN & PRINT WORKSHOP

Friday 9th July – 3pm to 5pm
Lawrence Hall, Lawrence
Booking essential – 0428 420 908

DROP IN & NINJA WARRIOR COURSE

Friday 9th July – 4pm to 5:30pm
Hakea Park, Yamba
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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