

A Tradition of Excellence

Grafton Public School Newsletter



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Term Calendar - [Click Here](#)

Term 2 Week 10: Friday 25th June 2021

School Website - [Click Here](#)



Well it has come to the end of Term 2. Can you believe it? We have been so busy here at Grafton Public School and time is just flying by. We wish all our students, their parents, carers and members of the school community a safe and happy winter holiday break. Winter is a great time for curling up with a book so be sure to keep up your reading kids!



RUGBY LEAGUE
MERIT TEAM 2021



CONGRATULATIONS to Jesse from 6KG who last week played Rugby League in Tamworth as a member of the North Coast PSSA team.

The North Coast team placed 7th in the state.

Jesse was sensational on the field all week, and impressive enough to be named in the NSW PSSA Merit Selection State Team. What an awesome achievement, well done Jesse!

COMING UP...

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

Tuesday 13 July

- P&C AGM 6.00pm
- P&C meeting 6.30pm

Monday 19 July— Wednesday 21 July

- Year 4 Lake Ainsworth Camp

Monday 26 July - Wednesday 28 July

- Year 5 Lake Ainsworth Camp

Monday 26 July –Friday 30 July

- Education Week

On Tuesday our GPS Junior and Senior Dance Ensembles travelled to Coffs Harbour to perform at the North Coast Dance Festival. It was so lovely to see the students buzzing with excitement in their costumes and make-up. Both dance groups really lit up the stage with their high energy performances.

We have received lots of positive feedback from parents and festival coordinators regarding our students' talent and we wish to thank our students for their wonderful behaviour on the day.

-Mrs Goodall, Mrs Penfold and Mr Craythorn



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!

Athletics Carnival



We had a great day on Wednesday at our annual Athletics Carnival. Our winning sporting house for the day was Schaeffer. Well done to all our event winners, students who participated and did their absolute best and a huge thank you to everyone involved in the organisation of the day.



CONGRATULATIONS goes to the students below who represented Mid North Coast at the North Coast Rugby trials today. They had a fantastic time and were great ambassadors for our school. Further congratulations goes to Bella L. who was selected to represent North Coast.



On Monday, GPS held the formal opening of our NAIDOC Week celebrations. We had many amazing performances by our dancers along with Dean Loadman with the Year 4 and 5 didge group. We were very lucky to have Nathan Parkes from Westlawn Public School, Uncle Ken Gordon, Avery Brown and Dion Donnelly speak on this year's theme. Throughout the week, students were involved in many events within the community. A truly special week was had by all those involved.



Noticeboard

Save the date!

We will be having our annual Book Character Parade in **Term 3, Friday 20 August (Week 6).**

More information regarding this exciting event will be coming soon. Students in K-6 will have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character and parade around to show off their designs! Costumes can be bought or handmade! Can't wait to see your fantastic creations!

Happy Holiday Costume making!

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!

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:

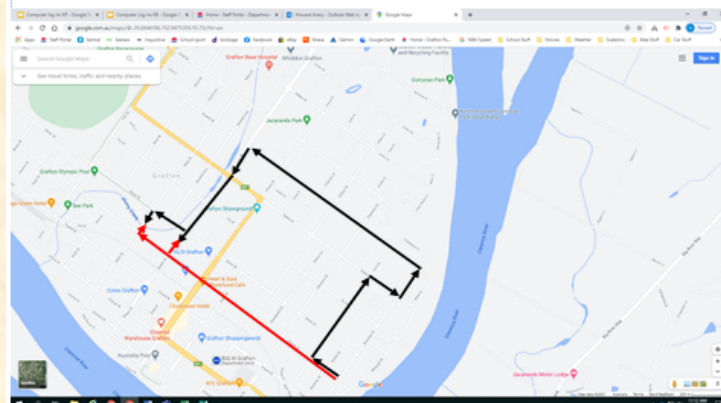
1. With Year 2 and Kinder exiting through the front path it is very congested and a safety issue.
2. The students have to negotiate the front steps with their 'wheels', another WHS issue.
3. By exiting through the bus gate there are no ramps or steps between the bike racks and the gate.
4. Low volume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



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

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 libraries

NSW GOVERNMENT ARTS AND 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)

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

LGBTQ+ 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.
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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
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Hakea Park, Yamba
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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
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10:30-11:30am
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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.
2:30-3:30pm
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