

A Tradition of Excellence

# Grafton Public School Newsletter



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Term Calendar - [Click Here](#)

Term 3 Week 3: Friday 30th July 2021

School Website - [Click Here](#)

## Kindergarten 2022

**We invite all interested to our  
Kindergarten 2022  
Parent Information Night  
GPS Infants Campus Monday 2nd August  
5pm for a School Tour  
5.30pm for the Information Session**

**We ask that parents entering our school site are wearing masks, sign in with  
our QR code and abide by social distancing requirements**

**COMING UP THIS TERM.....**  
(subject to change due to COVID restrictions)

**Monday 2 August**

- Kindy Kritters School Tour (5.00-5.30pm)
- Kindy Kritters Information Session (5.30-6.30pm)

**Sunday 8 August**

- P & C Bunnings BBQ

**Tuesday 10 August**

- Bronze and Silver Badge Ceremony

**Tuesday 10 August**

- P&C Meeting 6.30pm in the library

**Friday 20 August**

- Book Character Parade

**Friday 20 August to Monday 30 August**

- Book Fair

**Sunday 22 Aug to Friday Aug 27**

- Year 6 Canberra Excursion

**Thursday 26 August**

- Kindy Kritters (12-12.30pm)

**Thursday 2 September**

- Kindy Kritters (12-12.30pm)

**Thursday 9 September**

- Bronze and Silver Badge Ceremony

**Thursday 9 September**

- Kindy Kritters (12-12.30pm)

**Sunday 12 September to Thursday 16 September**

- Performing Arts Tour

**Thursday 16 September**

- Kindy Kritters (12-12.30pm)

**Friday 17 September**

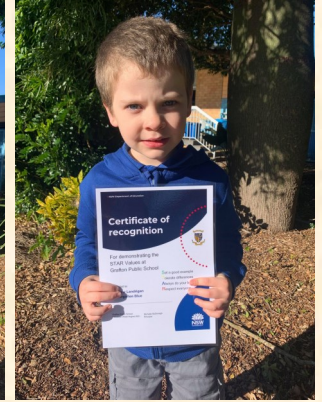
- Last day of Term 3



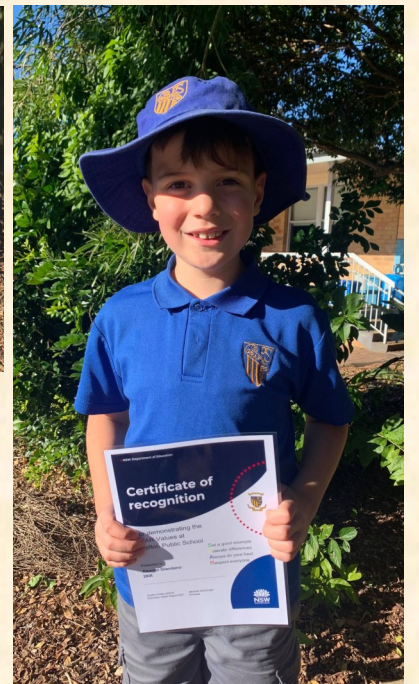
## Education Week



Our sensational Senior and Junior Dance Ensembles in their element enjoying an Education Week performance.

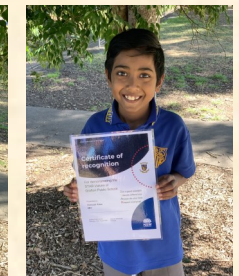
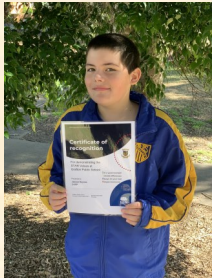
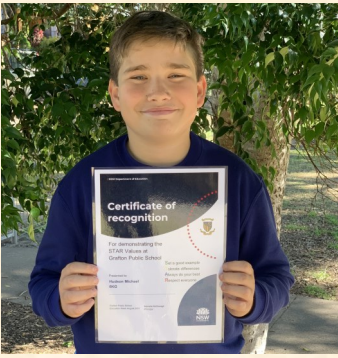
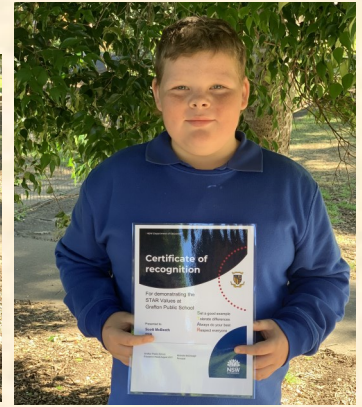
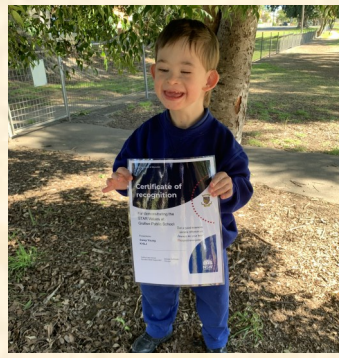
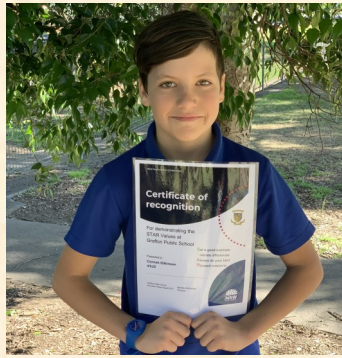


Well done to these students who always display our STAR PBL values and are sensational "Lifelong Learners".



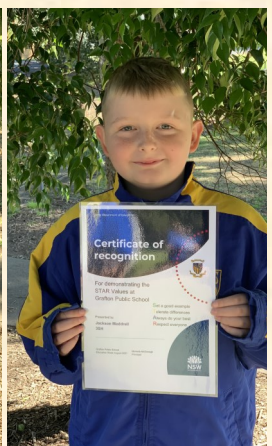


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Some very deserving students across all grades received Education Week Awards.

Well done boys and girls!

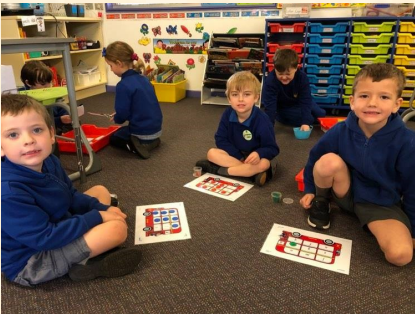




## Education Week



This week we celebrated Education Week. Unfortunately for the second year in a row we were unable to hold our traditional Open Day. Rest assured our students were involved in many activities to celebrate being 'Lifelong Learners'.





## Noticeboard

### **ICAS CHANGE IN DATES AND TECHNICAL ISSUES**

Grafton Public School will again be participating in the world renowned ICAS Assessments this year. ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies. It is an optional assessment for students in Years 3-6.

Thanks to those parents who have already registered for the ICAS Assessments. Some parents may have experienced difficulties with registering their child online. ICAS have informed us there had been some technical issues but the registration was now back open and working well. ICAS have also informed all schools that due to the COVID situation and many schools remaining in the home learning phase that assessments will now be completed in September / October.

Any interested student can receive an information note from the office. ***A new system will be in place this year. Families will need to pay directly to the ICAS website.***

Our school has signed up for the ICAS Assessments parent payment system (PPS) for English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies. Through this system parents can pay for ICAS directly online while tests will still be held at our school.

For further information about the assessments

please go to <https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas/>

### **Please help out - Recycled Materials**

The infants campus is looking for recycled household items to be brought to school.

Things like food boxes, clear soft drink bottles or cylinders.

Later in the term some students may select the make and create Green Level Reward activity.



### **Year 1 Phonics Check In**

All Year 1 students will be completing the the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check in the coming weeks. Phonics is the relationship between letters and sounds and is vital in learning to read and write. This Screening Check is a short, quick assessment that tells teachers how your child is progressing in phonics. Your child will sit with the class teacher and will be asked to read 40 words aloud. These words include 20 real words and 20 nonsense words. The test normally takes a few minutes. If your child is struggling the teacher will stop the check. The check is carefully designed not to be stressful for your child. If you have any further questions please phone the school and ask to speak with Mrs Fletcher or Mrs Stephenson.

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! Cant wait to see your fantastic creations!

Issue 5 of **Bookclub** is now out!

All online and cash orders are due by **Friday the 13th August, Week 5.**

Cash orders are to be placed in the red bookclub box on the library borrowing counter.

The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th August at 6.30pm in our library.

All welcome, please come along!

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



**Grafton City Tennis Club** continue to provide the children of the Clarence Valley with tennis lessons and competitions. The tennis club is located on Prince Street between the Showgrounds and the Skate Park.

Our Hotshots training program is a group lesson designed for players of beginner and intermediate levels from the ages of 3-18.

It is run by advanced level teenage players every Friday during the term at 4pm, rackets can be supplied. Call Phil Beckman for more info on all tennis programs: 0422 586 089

The PCYC Grafton logo is centered at the top, with a star above the 'Y'. To the left is a silhouette of a netball game, and to the right is a silhouette of a basketball game. Below the logo, the text 'GRAFTON' is written in white. Further down, the text 'EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE' is in red, and 'AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES' is in white. Below this, there are two circular logos for 'ACTIVE KIDS' and 'CREATIVE KIDS', both with 'REGISTERED PROVIDER' text. To the right of these is the text 'REGISTERED PROVIDER' in white. At the bottom left is a silhouette of a person on a pommel horse, and at the bottom right is a silhouette of a person boxing. The main text area is a dark blue rectangle with white text. At the bottom, contact information is provided in white text on a light blue background.

**PCYC**  
**GRAFTON**

**EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE**  
**AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

**ACTIVE KIDS**  
**CREATIVE KIDS**

**REGISTERED PROVIDER**

**AT PCYC GRAFTON WE OFFER A WIDE VARIETY OF AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

**THESE INCLUDE:**

**LEARN TO PLAY -**

**NETBALL, BASKETBALL & VOLLEYBALL**

**GYMNASTICS**

**PARKOUR**

**TRAMPOLINING**

**TUMBLING**

**BOXING**

To find out more contact us on 02 5622 4020  
or email [grafton@pcycnsw.org.au](mailto:grafton@pcycnsw.org.au)





JUNIOR  
JACARANDA  
QUEEN CANDIDATE  
FUNDRAISER

**AN EVENING  
OF FUN FOR  
ALL AGES**

**GRAFTON DISTRICT SERVICES CLUB**

**SATURDAY 14 AUGUST @ 6PM**

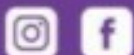
**TICKETS \$10 (INCLUDES ONE BINGO BOOK)  
EXTRA BINGO BOOKS \$10 EACH**

**PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE TO SECURE YOUR SEATS  
OR AT THE EVENT IF ANY SEATS ARE AVAILABLE**  
[www.jacarandafestival.com/fundraisers](http://www.jacarandafestival.com/fundraisers)



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**LOWES**

**2 DAY EVENT**  
**ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS**

2 DAYS ONLY - 5TH & 6TH AUGUST

**20% OFF**  
**SCHOOLWEAR**  
& EVERYTHING ELSE



**CAN'T GET TO A STORE?**  
**SHOP ONLINE >**

**Not the right size? - No worries!**

See our exchange and return policy on our website.



**SHOP SCHOOLS ONLINE**



**SHOP SCHOOLWEAR**

On the days of the event, Lowes will have measures in place to restrict customer numbers and movement throughout the store.

Lowes will be enforcing social distancing with marshalls wearing hi-vis vests on site. We ask for your support in limiting the number of people you take with you into the store.

Thank you for your support.

**PAY-AS-YOU-WEAR!**

Flatten your expense curve by paying off your LOWES purchases over 12-months with your Zero Card.

PLUS take an EXTRA 5% OFF your purchases.



**CLICK TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT LOWES ZERO CARD >**



**FREE DELIVERY** over \$100AUD

**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)

Lower Clarence Arts and Crafts Association

**calling for entries**

**Fine Art (including sculpture),  
Jewellery, Woodwork  
& Patchwork/Quilting**

**EXHIBITION &  
COMPETITION**

**2 & 3 October  
2021**

**over \$10k  
in prizes**

**Entries Close  
10 September 2021 at 4 pm**

**Entry forms and details are available  
at <https://ferrypark.net> or pick up at  
Ferry Park Gallery, Maclean**

**[enquiries.to.exhibition@ferrypark.net](mailto:enquiries.to.exhibition@ferrypark.net)**

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## Family and Relationship Services - Term 3 Workshops 2021

### Tuning in to Teens

5 Consecutive Thursdays  
22nd July-19th August  
9:30am-11:45am

A five-session program designed to assist parents to communicate with their pre-teen/teenager, build stronger relationships and develop emotional intelligence.

@ CRANES-11 Kemp Street Grafton

### Tuning in to Kids

6 Consecutive Tuesdays  
20th July-24th August  
10am-12:30pm

Tuning in to Kids. A six-session program that shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence by learning the skill of emotion coaching.

@ Treelands Drive Community Centre Yamba

### Bringing Up Great Kids For Foster Carers

4 consecutive Thursdays  
26th August-16th September  
9:30am -1:45pm

Bringing Up Great Kids is a reflective, mindful, respectful program that provides carers with an opportunity to reflect on their parenting journey.

@ CRANES-11 Kemp Street Grafton

### Thoughtful Parenting

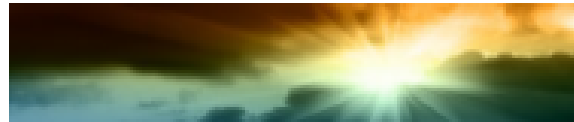
2 Consecutive Wednesdays  
1st & 8th September  
9:30am-12pm

A two-session workshop that generates discussion relevant to parenting. The issues, the joys and the challenges.

@ Cranes-11 Kemp Street Grafton



### After the Storm



6 Consecutive Wednesdays  
21st July-25th August  
9:30am-12:30pm

Clarence River Domestic & Family Violence Specialist Service and CRANES have partnered for this six-session program to support those who are parenting after family violence.

@ CRANES-11 Kemp Street Grafton

### Keep Calm & Communicate

2 Tuesday Sessions  
31st August & 14th September  
10am-12:30pm

A two-session workshop providing parents with information on how stress affects our wellbeing and the importance of keeping calm under pressure. Learn how children age 0-5 communicate and make sense of what your child is asking from you.

@The Child & Family Wellbeing Hub-  
18-26 Victoria St, Grafton



### Toddler Tantrum Toolbox

7th September  
9:30-12:15pm

A half-day workshop that provides information and strategies on handling melt-downs and tantrums. Suits parents with children in the 2 to 7 year age range.

@ Cranes-11 Kemp Street Grafton



CRANES' workshops are FREE

\*To be eligible to attend a FARS program or workshop you must have a child in your care or support someone who does. This may include foster and kinship carers and persons seeking access to or restoration.

Call CRANES for inquiries or to register

Ph: (02) 6642 7257 Email: [FaRS@cranes.org.au](mailto:FaRS@cranes.org.au)

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