

A Tradition of Excellence

Grafton Public School Newsletter



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Term 3 Week 10: Friday 17th September 2021

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

Welcome back, thank you and happy holidays!

It has been so lovely to have our students back at school this week operating under level three guidelines after 20 days of 'Learning from Home'. We have been very fortunate that we only had 20 days Learning from Home, unlike most schools in NSW who have been learning from home for the majority of the term. Even our 20 days of Home Learning felt like a lifetime for most students, staff and families. I am grateful we are not a border school and haven't had the added complexities of students and staff unable to cross between states. We truly live in a beautiful part of the world in the Clarence Valley with beaches, rivers, bike tracks and bush walks meaning that even in 'lockdown', we have lots of close outdoor exercise options to meet our well-being needs.

I would like to thank our staff, students and families for the work they did during 'Learning from Home'. Some families thrived, and other families found it challenging to be isolated and execute Learning from Home. Overall, we had high levels of engagement and communication with families who were able to keep their children at home and we appreciate the efforts you made. Our staff couldn't wait to be back on site face to face teaching as nothing can take away from the personal connections that occur in schools between students and their peers and between students and staff. It was also lovely to see all the happy faces at school during the week and hear the normal laughter and shenanigans in the classrooms and playground. To finish off the term with our delayed Book Character dress up day has been a lot of fun for the students and staff.

NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5

NAPLAN results are going home this afternoon with all students in Years 3 & 5 who sat the NAPLAN exams earlier this year. Please look for an envelope in your child's bag if they forget to give it to you! Students who are absent today will have these posted to the address provided to the school.

I hope the students have an enjoyable holiday and we look forward to seeing all students on Tuesday 5th October (straight after the October long weekend).

Michelle McDonagh
Principal

The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th October at 6.30pm in our library.
All welcome, please come along!

Book Character Dress Up Day

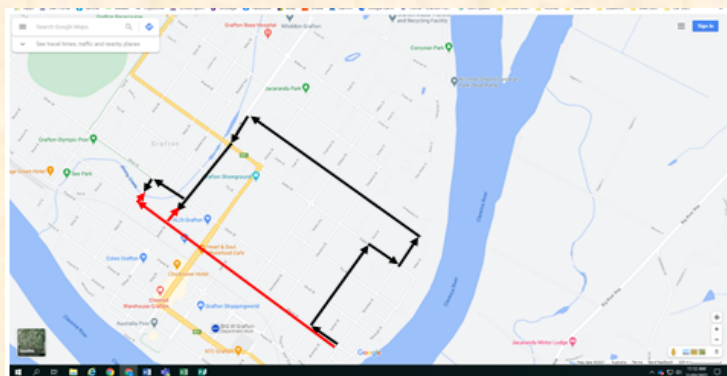




BIKE BUS



- 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



Noticeboard

TERM 4
2021
CALENDAR



Supported Playgroups

All Playgroups are FREE! Come along with your children for a morning of craft, play, storytime and morning tea.

Grafton Chataway **PLAYGROUP**

EVERY MONDAY @ CHATAWAY ROOM

Starts Monday 11th October

Chataway Lane Grafton 10am to 12noon



New School of Arts

PLAYGROUP

EVERY WEDNESDAY @ THE NEW SCHOOL OF ARTS

Starts Wednesday 6th October

New School of Arts Hall 10am to 12noon



Child and Family Wellbeing Hub

PLAYGROUP

TUESDAY FORTNIGHTLY

Starts Tuesday 5th October

Held at the Child and Family Wellbeing Hub

Tues 19th Oct, Tues 2nd Nov, Tues 16th Nov, Tues 30th Nov, Tues 14th Dec



Child & Family
Wellbeing Hub

Ph: (02) 6642 7257 Email: playgroup@livable.org.au

Play Touch Football

**GRAFTON SUMMER
COMPETITIONS**

MIXED OPENS

WOMEN'S

MEN'S

YR 7/8

YR 4/5/6

YR 3 & UNDER

Where: Rushforth Park

When: Wednesday

Registrations: Online

Begins: 6th October

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