

A Tradition of Excellence

Grafton Public School Newsletter



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Term 3 Week 8: Friday 9th September 2022

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Supporting a Worthy Charity!

Our Student Representative Council (SRC) have chosen a charity that they would like to support this term. They have chosen Ronald McDonald House.

As an SRC Initiative, we will be holding a crazy sock day on Wednesday 14th September for all grades K-6. Students are to come to school in uniform as usual however are invited to wear crazy socks and make a gold coin donation to this very worthy cause.

Many local families have been helped by the Ronald McDonald House Charity, so let's get behind this SRC event.



RONALD MCDONALD
HOUSE CHARITIES

Debating News

Our debating team, the GPS Knights have been a formidable team in 2022 and over the past fortnight have participated in two debates as part of the Regional finals. Last week they debated the topic "That all homework and assignments should be groupwork ." against Woolgoolga Public School and were successful in winning the close debate. This week, they debated against "The Pocket Persuaders" from northern NSW. Teams debated the topic " That Primary school teachers should set a research project as homework over the holidays". The team of debaters from The Pocket Public School won a tough debate which brings to an end our successful run.

Congratulations and well done to all team members and thank you to the students who were super subs throughout the challenge when a team member was unwell or unavailable. A big thank you to Mrs Buckley for her help and guidance with the team.



Kindy Kritters Transition Sessions



Do you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2023 or know someone who does?

Please get in contact with us to express your interest and for more information about our 2022 Kindergarten Transition Program which includes our 'Kindy Kritters Transition Sessions'.

Kindy Kritters transition sessions have started and will continue into next term.

Our next **P & C meeting** is being held on **Tuesday the 13th of September**, starting at 6.00pm in our Library.
All welcome.

From the Relieving Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope all our fabulous dads and fathering role models enjoyed their special day last Sunday. We had a lot of excited shoppers at the Father's Day Stall and I'm sure there were many smiles on Sunday. A big thank you to our P&C for hosting this event.

This week our families with students in Years 3 and 5 received their NAPLAN results. The students sat assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. NAPLAN results allow parents/carers and educators to see how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy over time – individually, as part of their school community, and against national standards. We were very proud of each individual student who gave their best for this one off assessment. The school will be analysing these results and setting school and individual targets in the coming weeks.

Students in Year 6 have commenced their Check In Assessments. These assessments are an additional tool for teachers to gather information about how students are tracking against the syllabus outcomes. Students in Years 3, 4, 5 will complete these online assessments early next term.

As the term draws closer to the holidays, Green Level Reward sessions will be occurring next week for the primary students and in Week 10 for our infants students. Invitations will be sent out based on the option your child has chosen.

Essential to schools, essential to community - what a fitting theme for this year's SASS recognition week. We acknowledge and celebrate the wonderful school support staff at Grafton Public School who go above and beyond to assist our students, staff and community. The contributions of our lovely office staff, our dedicated team of School Learning Support Officers (SLSO), Aboriginal School Learning Support Officers (ASLSO) and our General Assistant are much appreciated. We couldn't do what we do without them!!!! Thank you!!

Grafton Public School continues to give our students many wonderful opportunities. Our debating team held a close debate against The Pocket Public School. The girls soccer and girls hockey teams have also featured this week. Our girls soccer team unfortunately lost their match against Boambee PS and we are cheering on the girls hockey side who are travelling all the way to Port Macquarie today. 4 of our talented primary students represented the North Coast in Athletics. A special shout out to Lenox and Savannah who are off to the State titles early next term. Our support unit students have started preparing for the state ten-pin bowling competition - the first time we have entered the Inclusive School Sports Knockout Rounds. Finally next Sunday our Creative Arts students are off on their excursion to Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast. All these events wouldn't have happened without the expertise and time of our staff. Thank you!!

Our next P&C Meeting is occurring next Tuesday at 6pm in the library. We will have representatives from Grafton High School to talk about transition and what Grafton High school has to offer. Please come along.

Have a fabulous fortnight,
Mrs Fletcher
Relieving Principal

Learning from one of the best.....

Earlier this week, Stage 3 visited the very popular Australian author Tristan Banks at the Clarence Regional Library. They enjoyed listening to the many ways he gains ideas to write about and the time it takes to be a published author. Many of our Year 6 students have studied one of his books this year.

All of the students seemed inspired when they returned from this engaging session.





Day Camp

Last Friday, we took a small group of Year 4 and 5 students for the day to Coffs Coast Adventure Centre. These students were unfortunately late withdrawals from their camps earlier in the year due to sickness or injury. An awesome day was had by all. Fears were conquered, with smiles and laughter galore. Thankyou to Becky for being the camp photographer and a big thankyou to Mrs Sullivan, Miss Katrina and Mr Craythorn for travelling with the group.



Sporting news

* We had four students who attended the North Coast Athletics Carnival last week in Coffs Harbour. We are so proud of Taj, Tegan, Lenox and Savannah for making it to this level and they were all awesome on the day.

Savannah and Lenox are both off to the State Championships in Sydney early next term, with Mr Avery as the team manager. Savannah earned 3 first places in 100m, 200m and high jump, gaining the overall Junior Girl's Champion title. Lenox finished a close 2nd in his 100m. Congratulations to these two students on this extraordinary effort and good luck in Sydney.



* Last week, the Grafton Public School Cricket teams enjoyed a meet and greet followed by a skills session with Hayden Kerr from the Sydney Sixers and Anika Learoyd from the Sydney Thunder. The students enjoyed the session and learnt some new skills.



* Last Friday 8 of our Stage 2 students represented our school in the Todd Woodbridge cup at Junction Hill. For many students this was their first chance to play for GPS. After the round games we were in first place. We played against St Mary's in the final going down 5 games to 3. The students were excellent role models for GPS and had a wonderful time.



* Over the past couple of weeks our girls soccer team have played two matches in the PSSA State Knockout Competition. They travelled to Wollgoolga to play Mullaway Public School and won that match 5-2 however played Boambee Public School yesterday and were defeated by a strong team. Well done girls on a great season.

* Yesterday, selected students from the support unit went out for some Tenpin Bowling practice. And what were they practising for.....
On the 15th September, our legendary 4 member team of Pheobe, Tai-Lee, Kaiden and Harrison will represent the school in the regional round of the NSW Tenpin Bowling competition for students with a disability. Good luck girls and boys!

Major Fundraiser

In Term 3 and 4, all students Kinder to Year 6 are invited to participate in the Grafton Public School Crazy Camel Art Fundraiser! Students will create a piece of artwork in class as part of the Creative Arts curriculum which can be printed to make calendars, tea towels, pillowcases, note books, sketch books, 2023 diaries and even tote bags!

The items make wonderful Christmas or birthday gifts and can be treasured by the student, family and friends!

All money raised will support your child's learning with priority given to purchasing inclusive classroom and playground equipment across the school.

Order forms have been sent home in Week 7. Parents can order online using the website link, the QR Code or by sending the order form with money back to school. Orders close on the 28th October 2022.

PLEASE NOTE: as this is a fundraiser Flood Relief money cannot be used to buy Crazy Camel items.

Fun, Easy & Creative Fundraising

-Turn your child's artwork into these AMAZING products-



Greeting Cards
\$15



Diaries, Notebooks & Sketchbooks
\$20



Pillowcases
\$25



Calendars
\$15



Tea Towels
\$25



Tote Bags
\$25

Great gifts

Celebrate your child's creativity by ordering keepsakes you'll treasure forever!

ORDERS DUE: Friday 28th October

An order form will be sent home with your child.

CRAZY Camel
Fundraising Families Love

Crazy Camel Major Fundraiser

Grafton Public School

-Order keepsakes featuring your child's artwork-





ORDERS CLOSE Friday 28th October

Celebrate your child's creativity by ordering keepsakes you'll treasure forever!

Order Online or Order at School

Order keepsakes featuring your child's artwork at: Please return this form filled out with payment.



www.crazycamel.com.au/15263

All orders will be processed and sent to the school after the closing date.

Child's details entered during purchasing will determine which artwork has been ordered.

Every purchase benefits your school!



Products	Qty	Cost	Total
Calendars		\$15	
Greeting Cards		\$15	
Diaries		\$20	
Notebooks		\$20	
Sketchbooks		\$20	
Pillowcases		\$25	
Tea Towels		\$25	
Tote Bags		\$25	
Total			

Child's name: _____

Classroom name/number: _____

Parent's name: _____

Parent's number: _____

'The Wheel Deal' with Mr Avery



GPS Bike Programs are proudly supported by Grafton City Cycles.

The Wheel Deal



Bike Bus runs every Friday morning, (weather and COVID willing) and afternoon. Copy and paste the link to work out where to meet it.

file:///C:/Users/havery1/OneDrive%20-%20NSW%20Department%20of%20Education/Bike%20stuff/Bike%20Bus%20Map.pdf

Chain Gang Latest

STOP THE PRESSES!!!

Chain Gang Bike Mechanics will be moving to the Infant's Campus as of Monday, 10th October. All students who are interested in learning how to maintain and fix bicycles are invited to meet Mr Avery at the Mary St gate each Monday at the very beginning of lunchtime. Don't forget your food!!!





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BMX - Bicycle Moto Cross, this type of bike became very popular in the 1970s. A small frame with a low-set seat, designed for use in BMX racing and stunt/bike park riding. Definitely NOT intended for long distance or comfortable rides.

As the weather continues to warm up, riding a bike is an awesome way to get some fresh air and improve your fitness. It's great for making you feel good too!



Flat 'n' Tired?

Mrs Avery - Riding a bike down Mt Wellington in Hobart. It was raining, very foggy and freezing cold. Mr Avery wasn't able to keep up with me going down the mountain.



TUBE GIVEAWAY!!! Need a tube or two, Mr Avery has quite a few to giveaway. Most sizes available. Generously donated by Grafton City Cycles. Gold coin donation.



Do you have a bike-related story you want to share? Send it to the school and it will be published here.



Mr Avery has three bicycles to give away. One is a 20-inch child's mountain bike that has been completely rebuilt and works beautifully. It's best suited to a child aged 6-10. A second bike is a flat bar (straight handlebars) road bike. Suited to a taller child aged 11+ to adult. This bike is perfect for riding around town and light off-road and has been serviced and rides very nicely. The third bike is a 'ladies/girls' style commuter. Suited to someone 11+ years of age. Very nice bike that has been recently serviced. Please contact Mr Avery if you are interested or know of someone who may like one of these steeds.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 9 - PSSA Girls Hockey in Port Macquarie

Sept 13 - Badge ceremonies both campuses

Sept 14 - Crazy Sock Day in aid of Ronald McDonald House

Sept 15 - Kinder Kritters 12 noon till 2.30pm

Sept 18-22 - Performing Arts Tour Brisbane and surrounds

Sept 22 - Kinder Kritters 12 noon till 2.30pm

Sept 23 - Last Day of Term 3

CLARENCE YOUTH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 12-18!

WEEK 2

LASER SKIRMISH

Tuesday 4th October, 2pm to 4pm
Townsend Park, Townsend
Just turn up!

WEARABLE ART WORKSHOP

Tuesday 4th October, 10am to 12noon
Copmanhurst Hall, Copmanhurst
Bookings essential – Text 0414 284 150

CREATIVE CLUB

Tuesday 4th October, 2pm to 4:30pm
Headspace Grafton
Bookings essential – 6642 1520

LGBTQI+ YOUTH GROUP

Tuesday 4th October, 4pm to 5pm
Changing Lanes Shed, Through Street, South Grafton
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

HEADSPACE DAY EVENT

Wednesday 5th October, 3pm to 5pm
Headspace Grafton
Just turn up!

LASER SKIRMISH

Thursday 6th October, 2pm to 4pm
Wooli Bowling Reserve, Wooli
Just turn up!

COMMUNITY CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Thursday 6th October, 11am to 2pm
Treelands Drive Community Centre, Yamba
Bookings essential – 0428 420 908

WEARABLE ART WORKSHOP

Friday 7th October, 10am to 12noon
Nymboida Hall, Nymboida
Bookings essential – Text 0414 284 150

SURF LESSONS

Friday 7th October, 9am to 12noon
Turners Beach, Yamba
Bookings essential – 0447 693 863

For more information and updates, check out our Facebook pages 'Clarence Valley Youth' or 'Clarence Valley Youth Hubs'. The current COVID-19 situation has limited our capacity for numbers, so these activities will have restrictions. Please call 0428 420 908 if more details are required. 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 1

KICK FLIPS & TAIL WHIPS

YAMBA SKATE & SCOOTER COMP
Monday 26th September, 11am to 4pm
Yamba Skate Park, Yamba
Bookings essential – <https://loom.ly/sOi0wbY>

DROP IN, TIE DYE & SIM

Monday 26th September, 3:30pm to 5pm
Courtts Crossing Skate Park, Courtts Crossing
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP

Tuesday 27th September, 11am to 1pm
Barrygil Community Centre, Barrygil
Bookings essential – Text 0423 134 173

CREATIVE CLUB

Tuesday 27th September, 2pm to 4:30pm
Headspace Grafton
Bookings essential – 6642 1520

LGBTQI+ YOUTH GROUP

Tuesday 27th September, 4pm to 5pm
Changing Lanes Shed, Through Street, South Grafton
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP

Wednesday 28th September, 2pm to 4pm
Iluka Skate Park, Iluka
Bookings essential – Text 0423 134 173

DROP IN, TIE DYE & SIM

Wednesday 28th September, 3:30pm to 5pm
Yamba Skate Park, Yamba
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

LASER SKIRMISH

Wednesday 28th September, 2pm to 4pm
Glenreagh Recreation Reserve, Glenreagh
Just turn up!

SKATE WORKSHOP

Thursday 29th September, 10am to 12noon
Grafton Skate Park, Grafton
Bookings essential – 0432 049 408
<https://www.yambaskate.com/events>

DROP IN, TIE DYE & SIM

Thursday 29th September, 3:30pm to 5pm
Iluka Skate Park, Iluka
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP

Thursday 29th September, 2pm to 4pm
Nip Welsh Park, Minnie Water
Bookings essential – Text 0423 134 173

LASER SKIRMISH

Friday 30th September, 2pm to 4pm
Market Square, Grafton
Just turn up!

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REGISTRATIONS OPEN

Masters
Mixed COMPETITIVE
SOCIAL Mixed
U14's, U12's, U10's
U7's League Stars

Starts: Monday 10th October
@ Hay St Rugby fields

CHANGING LANES

SEPTEMBER 2022 MEET

SEPTEMBER 23 6-10PM
GRAFTON LIBRARY

DRIVING SIMULATOR
RC DRIFT AREA
GOOD TUNES
FREE BBQ
COFFEE VAN
4X4 FLEX RAMP

AWARDS FOR -
PEOPLES CHOICE
PROMOTORS CHOICE
BEST BIKE
BEST 4X4

NO SKIDS, NO NOISE, NO STUPIDITY

ALL CHANGING LANES EVENTS ARE DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENTS

KICK FLIPS AND TAIL WHIPS

SKATE AND SCOOTER COMPETITION

FREE ENTRY
REGISTER ONLINE

FREE BBQ
- AGE DIVISION
- HEATS
- LIVE DJ
- ONEWAVE YAMBA
- CHILL ZONE

- PARK JAM
- PARK CONTEST
- PRIZES FROM
- LOW PRESSURE
- SURF CO

YAMBA SKATE PARK

26th September - Sign In from 11am