



# Grafton Public School Newsletter



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Term Calendar - [Click Here](#)

Term 4 Week 5: Friday 11th November 2022

School Website - [Click Here](#)

## Just briefly this week...

### Kinder Kritters

Our last day of Kinder Kritters will be a full day of learning fun on Thursday 17 November. This session will run from 9.30am to 2.30pm. Students will have a morning tea and lunch break and will need to bring a water bottle and a hat.

If you know of any other families who may be looking at enrolling a child in Kindergarten at Grafton Public School for 2023, please remind them to contact the school as soon as possible.

Grafton Public School P and C invites students to a.....

**Rainbow Disco**  
**Wednesday 16th November 2022**  
**School Hall**

Infants (0-2) are in school hours 1.30pm to 2.30pm  
Years 3-4 4.45pm to 5.45pm  
Years 5-6 6pm to 7pm

**Admission \$2**

Sausage sizzle, slushies and lollies available for the evening disco, along with some fun activities and glow sticks for sale.

**Save the date-more details to come.**

## ATTENTION: Year 5 Parents and Carers

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2024, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply and the link to the online form will be available in early-October 2022 at

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/.../selective-high.../year-7>

Applications opened on 18 October 2022 and close on 16 November 2022. You must apply before the closing date.

NSW Department of Education

**Information for applicants**  
For entry to selective high schools in Year 7 in 2024

Ready to apply?	Key Dates
Apply online at: <a href="https://shscc.education.nsw.gov.au">shscc.education.nsw.gov.au</a>	Application website opens 18 October 2022
	Application website closes 16 November 2022
	Test centre and test authority advice released 20 April 2023
	Selective High School Placement Test 4 May 2023
	Illness/misadventure requests submitted 11 May 2023
	Placement outcome expected to be released Mid-August 2023

Note: there may be changes to the dates and procedures in this document.  
For the latest updates visit:  
[education.nsw.gov.au/shs-cc](https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-cc)

education.nsw.gov.au

## WHAT'S COMING UP...

**Nov 11 & 12** – P & C Family Portrait Fundraiser

**Nov 16** – P & C Disco

**Nov 17** – Kinder Kritters - Full Day - 9.30am to 2.30pm

**Nov 18, 19 & 20** – P & C Mums Retreat - Gold Coast

**Nov 21** – GHS Combined Schools Orientation Day - Year 6

**Nov 21** – Year 2 Transition Week

**Nov 29** – SGHS Year 6 to 7 - Transition Day

**Dec 1** – Badge ceremonies both campuses

**Dec 5** - Rehearsal Day - Saraton Theatre

**Dec 7** - Christmas Gala Concert at the Saraton

**Dec 8** - Presentation Day

**Dec 12** - Green Level Rewards - Movies and other activities

**Dec 14** - Reports handed out to students

**Dec 15** - Year 6 Farewell

**Dec 16** - Year 6 - Big Banana Waterpark

**Dec 16** - Last day of Term for students



# JOIN THE FUN!

Grafton Public School after School AFL Auskick Centre

THURSDAYS from 17<sup>th</sup> November – 8<sup>th</sup> December

On School Grounds 2.45pm – 3.45pm (Supervision by AFL staff from home time bell)

The cost of \$50 includes a weekly program for 4 weeks of fun games and skills plus an AFL pack (including a football, footy cards, a Fidget Spinner and more)

RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY REGISTERING & PAYING ONLINE – SCAN THIS QR CODE TO START



SCAN ME

AFL Development Lead Matt Crawley 0431 877 173 or email [matthew.crawley@afli.com.au](mailto:matthew.crawley@afli.com.au)

[play.afl/auskick](https://play.afl/auskick)



## Transitions: Primary to Secondary Workshop

An online event delivered by headspace Schools & Communities

Calling all year 6 classes across New South Wales - join us for an online workshop

The Mental Health Education Program is delivering workshops for students moving into high school to prepare them for the changes ahead.

Our student workshop aims to support students to:

- Understand how transition and change can impact mental health
- Understand how to manage stress
- Build resilience and healthy coping skills
- Strengthen a sense of connection and belonging.

### How to register:

Register your class on Eventbrite by clicking on your preferred date and time.

After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email from Eventbrite which will include the Zoom Meeting link to access the webinar.

### Where:

Online via Zoom.

### When:

Tuesday 15 Nov

• 9am - 10:30am

• 11am - 12:30pm

Wednesday 16 Nov

• 9am - 10:30am

• 11am - 12:30pm

Thursday 17 Nov

• 9am - 10:30am

• 11am - 12:30pm

Friday 18 Nov

• 9am - 10:30am

• 11am - 12:30pm

Before the session you'll receive a digital information pack including key messages and a guide to help teaching staff prepare for the workshop.

### Need more information?

Email us: [MHEP@headspace.org.au](mailto:MHEP@headspace.org.au)



The Mental Health Education Program is a Schools Suicide Prevention Activities Initiative, headspace Schools, funded by the Australian Government

NSW Department of Education

## COVID-smart measures for schools

Information for parents, carers and students



We know that being together in the classroom is the best thing for our students' learning, growth and welfare. This term we will continue to implement several measures to allow us to prioritise both the wellbeing of our students and a consistent and productive learning environment.



### Stay home if unwell

- If your child is unwell, you must keep them at home. If they are displaying COVID-19 symptoms, they should take a COVID-19 test (PCR or RAT) and follow the advice from the NSW Government on [managing COVID-19 safely at home](#).
- Your child should only return to school when they are symptom free.



### Vaccinations

- Vaccinations for COVID-19 and other viral illnesses are one of the best ways of protecting yourself, your family and the community. Vaccination is a safe and effective way to give your immune system a helping hand against many illnesses.
- All eligible students and staff are strongly encouraged to keep up to date with their vaccinations to protect their health.
- All staff working in schools for specific purposes (SSPs) are required to be double vaccinated against COVID-19 or hold a valid medical contraindication.



### Rapid antigen testing

- Rapid antigen tests (RATs) should be used if your child is displaying COVID-19 symptoms.
- Students who test positive to COVID-19 are encouraged to notify their school and register their positive test results with [Service NSW](#) to have access to timely advice and support from NSW Health.
- Schools will maintain a reserve stock of rapid antigen tests onsite for surveillance testing purposes in the event of an outbreak.



### Hygiene and cleaning

- Students are encouraged to regularly wash their hands with soap and warm water, and to use personal protective equipment as required.
- Boosted day cleaning of schools will continue on high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways.

**LOWES**

NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> & 18<sup>TH</sup>

2 DAY VIP EVENT



**20% OFF**

**EVERYTHING\***  
INCLUDING SCHOOLWEAR

**ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS  
USE YOUR CARD AT CHECKOUT!**



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\*T&C'S APPLY, SAVINGS OFF ORIGINAL PRICES.