

**A Tradition of Excellence**

# Grafton Public School Newsletter



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**Term Calendar - [Click Here](#)**

**Term 4 Week 6: Friday 18th November 2022**

**School Website - [Click Here](#)**



## From the Relieving Principal's Desk

It's a busy but exciting time of year. Our school staff are finishing up assessing the growth of our students in readiness to write the Semester 2 reports. The Semester 2 reports will give you a clear picture of your child's achievements. They will help you understand how your child is progressing and how we can support your child's future learning. Personal achievement has been articulated or written by the student to reflect an area of improvement and staff will also identify an area of significant growth.

I was so proud to see many of primary students perform at the Grafton Eisteddfod last week. Our choir and dance students did a marvellous job. We received 1st place in Stage 2 Choir, 2nd place for Stage 3 Choir and Stage 3 Dance Ensemble and a Highly Commendable for Stage 2 Dance Ensemble. A big thank you to Mrs Eveleigh, Mrs Rose, Mr Keogh and Jill for supporting our students.

It's wonderful to have the opportunity after COVID to get out and explore different settings. Our Year 3 students enjoyed a day excursion at the Peach Farm recently. Our Year 1 and 2 students also enjoyed themselves at their excursions last week. They had fun at Spring-loaded, Ten Pin Bowling and enjoyed picnic lunches.

Yesterday we had the last of our Kinder Kritters sessions. The preschoolers were very excited to come to Grafton PS for their second full day. I'm sure they are feeling more confident about what school is like, exploring our environment, getting to know staff and making new friends. We can't wait to see them return next year in their school uniforms. Thanks to Mrs Black and the Kindergarten team!! More transitions are occurring next week. Many Year 6 students are attending a full day at Grafton High School on Monday. Our Year 2 students will be spending the week on the primary campus in readiness for 2023.

Our small yet hard working P&C had a successful Disco this week. The students were well behaved, danced up a storm and sang along to many songs. Many of our mums, aunties and nans are off today on the P&C Mums Retreat- shop up big ladies!

As we approach the last few weeks of term, we have many events on the calendar. Our School Concert at the Saraton on 7th of December, Presentation Day Ceremony at the Saraton 8th of December, Green Level Reward Session 12th of December, Year 6 Farewell at the Racecourse 15th December and Year 6 Excursion on the last day of term, Friday 16th of December.

Have a fabulous fortnight,

Mrs Fletcher  
Relieving Principal



## Special mentions



Congratulations to Milla (left) who travelled to Sydney to represent North Coast at the NSW PSSA State Trials after the championships were unfortunately washed out.

She had a fabulous time and further developed her bowling technique. Milla was also lucky enough to meet Australian Women's Cricket greats Alyssa Healy and Ellyse Perry.

Congratulations also to Oscar (right) who was invited to join the Regional Youth Orchestra recently.

Well done to both students on their wonderful achievements !



## Resource Packs 2023

During such a busy term, parents receive so many notes home. One of these recent notes was one asking parents if they wished us to do some of their "back to school" shopping on their behalf. In 2023, we are offering families the opportunity to purchase a resource pack of classroom requirements which will save parents time and money. We have had a great response to this offer and hope to get the bulk orders in as soon as possible. If you wish to order a resource pack for your child, please return the note by Friday 25th November. (No money is required until next February).

**Grafton Public School**  
**2023 Resource Pack**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Towards the end of each year, we send a requirements list home for our students asking parents to contribute towards class supplies the following year (The school purchases all necessary books and learning resources). There are items on this list such as tissues, a ream of paper, glue sticks, white board markers, scissors, erasers and more, depending on specific grades. From pricing we have recently done at Big W/Woolworths/Officeworks, this can work out to be a cost for families of around \$40 per student.

In 2023, we are offering parents the opportunity to purchase a Resource Pack containing the majority of these classroom supplies. **The cost of this pack will be \$25. If yes, you can use your flood funding credit!** All materials will be purchased by the school and given directly to class teachers. This will save busy parents time and money. The purchase of a resource pack is optional and full lists will still be distributed for families who wish to do their own shopping.

There are items on the requirement list for specific grades which will be a student's personal preference such as a library bag, headphones and a pencil case. These items will remain the family's responsibility to purchase. List details will issue in December.

If you are interested in purchasing a resource pack for your child in 2023, please return the note below. Payment of the \$25 must be made by the end of February 2023.

Yours sincerely,  
Grade Supervisors.

XC.....

I am interested in purchasing a Resource Pack for my child.....

who will be in grade..... in 2023. Cost will be \$25.

I understand that I will pay for this pack in February 2023 and that all materials will go directly to the class teacher.

☐ Please use my Flood Funding credit..... Signature.....

## Grafton Eisteddfod



So many talented students. Well done to our primary students who competed at the Grafton Eisteddfod last week. We received many wonderful comments and the students enjoyed performing. Junior Choir - 1st place, Senior choir - 2nd place, Junior Dance - Highly Commendable, Senior Dance - 2nd place.

Thanks to the many staff who continue to give our students these great opportunities. Well done team GPS!

## Enrolments 2023

Are you moving away over the Christmas holidays, or are you moving to Grafton and will be enrolling at our great school? If the answer is "yes" then we need to know ASAP.

It is vital that we have the correct enrolment numbers for staffing and class placements for 2023. We are planning and drafting them now.

If you are moving away and have not informed us, or if you would like to speak to someone about a new enrolment, can you please call the office on 66421000 or email [grafton-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:grafton-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

If we have the correct information, we can make the best decisions for our school in 2023.

Thanking you in advance for your help.





## Peach Farm Day Excursion - Year 3



A marvellous day was had by our Year 3 students at The Peach Farm. Making new friends with all the resident animals was a highlight! The students were able to get up close and personal for feeding time and their furry friends were showered with loads of attention and plenty of pats!



## Ten Pin Bowling - Year 2

The pins went flying last week as our Year 2 students enjoyed some time ten pin bowling!

Afterwards, it was off for a picnic lunch in the park.

A great day was had by all!



## Springloaded - Year 1



Our excited Year 1 students jumped on the bus and headed to Springloaded in Coffs Harbour last week. There were lots of laughs and smiles as our students jumped, tumbled, climbed, rolled and spun their way through the day!

## Thank you



Thank you to our hard working P&C for purchasing our new netball singlets.

They will look great out on the court!



## Calendar

### WHAT'S COMING UP...

**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



### Bookclub Issue 8 is out now!

This is the last Bookclub for the year. Cash orders can be placed in the red box in the Library. Orders will close Friday 2nd December, week 8.

## Green Level Rewards

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) provides a framework for our school to support the wellbeing of every student. It is an evidence based, positive, social, student focused approach to behaviour that involves the whole school community. It includes creating, teaching and rewarding expected and pro-social behaviours that involves everyone, everywhere and every time. Our Green Level Rewards have been set for the term and the students are excited. Let's hope many of our students can reach 40 points this term and have the choice of what reward they would like to participate in.

## GREEN LEVEL REWARD

### TERM 4 2022 K-2

- 39-40 points: Movies at the Saraton
- 38-34 points: Christmas Craft and Cooking
- 33-26 points: Make and Create Recycling Session
- Less than 25 points: Board games

### HOW MANY POINTS WILL YOU GET?



Any student who receives 40 STAR points in one term will go into a draw to have a lunch party with Ms McDonagh



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## GREEN LEVEL REWARD

### TERM 4 2022 YEARS 3-6

- 39-40 points: Movies at the Saraton
- 38-34 points: Christmas Craft and Cooking
- 33-26 points: Minecraft / Coding
- Less than 25 points: Gardening

### HOW MANY POINTS WILL YOU GET?

## Gala Christmas Concert

# Grafton Public School Gala Concert

## Wednesday 7th December 2022

### 6.30pm Saraton Theatre



***An evening of fun and frivolity to showcase the talents of all of our students and to celebrate another great year at GPS***

Tickets will go on sale on Thursday 17th November and will be available from the Saraton Theatre.

Please visit the Saraton or purchase tickets online.

<http://www.saraton.com>

Adults \$12

Students/Concessions \$8

Family ticket \$40 (2 adults and 3 students)

*Families do not need to buy a ticket for students performing*

Come dressed in your best Christmas outfit as there will be prizes for best dressed. The P & C Christmas Raffle will be drawn on the night. Please bring along some spare change to help spread some Christmas Spirit.

Please arrive at 6pm for pre-concert entertainment and be ready for a 6.30pm start.





SURF LIFE SAVING  
NEW SOUTH WALES



# GONE FISHING

Rock Fishing Safety & Skills Day

**FREE HOBBIE  
LIFEJACKET VALUED  
AT \$160!**



- Free Lunch
- Family Fun
- Fishing Skills
- Beach Safety Session



**SATURDAY DECEMBER 3**

**Coffs Harbour Jetty Beach  
9.30am to 3.30pm**

**REGISTER**



**LEARN MORE & REGISTER YOUR SPOT NOW**

[https://Gonefishing\\_CoffsHarbour.eventbrite.com.au](https://Gonefishing_CoffsHarbour.eventbrite.com.au)  
or email [community@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:community@surflifesaving.com.au)





## Transport for NSW



## School Travel

### Term 4 2022

#### 2023 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2023 open from **Monday 10 October 2022**.

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2023 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and entitlements remain valid for the start of the 2023 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2023.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes.

Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

#### Travel from Term 1 2023

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2023 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

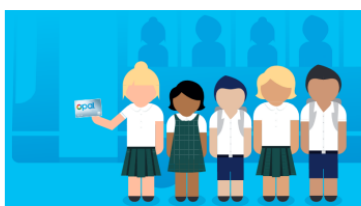
Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at [transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel](https://transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel)

Enquiries can be submitted at [transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback](https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback)



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Entry Forms:** Available at Ferry Park Gallery, Maclean

**Entry Fees:** Open \$12.00; Youth (under 16) \$7.00  
Both include 8x8 canvas

**Entries Close:** 4.00 pm Friday, 17th March, 2023

**Opening and Awards:** Friday 31st March, 2023 (Open)  
Saturday 1st April, 2023 (Juniors)

**Contact:** Jean: 0407378982  
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