

A Tradition of Excellence

Grafton Public School Newsletter



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Term 3 Week 7: Friday 1st September 2023

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Check-In Assessment

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online literacy and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The assessment can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. Students with disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment they would normally receive in the classroom.

- The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 6 students during **Term 3 Week 8 - September 4th to September 8th.**
- The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 3 to Year 5 students during **Term 4 Week 2 and Week 3 - October 16th to October 27th.**
- All students complete a reading assessment and a numeracy assessment. Year 6 students will also complete a writing assessment.

PSSA News

Over the past week, Mr Avery was fulfilling his duties as NSW PSSA Cross Country Manager at the National Cross-Country Championships which were held at Mt Stromlo Park in Canberra. The NSW team was extremely successful with every boy in the 10, 11 and 12 years age groups returning with at least two medals each and some with four. Competition between the states is always fierce however, NSW won the point score from the individual and team events held last Saturday, as well as the point score for the relays held on Monday. This meant that NSW were also the cumulative points champions.

Well done Team NSW and NSW Boy's Manager, Mr Avery.



Upcoming Dates

Sept 6 - Badge Ceremony

Sept 7 - Year 3 Butterfly House Excursion

Sept 11 - PSSA Boys Cricket Round 5
- Kinder Kritters Parent Information Evening

Sept 13 - Vintage Car Rally visiting Primary

Sept 18 - Sept 21 - Performing Arts Camp

Sept 20 - Inclusive Sports Carnival - Primary SU to Yamba PS

Sept 21 - Green Level Rewards K-6

* All dates subject to change *

2023 SPRING VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Monday 25 September to Friday 6 October

Before School, After School & Vacation Care for the North Coast



CONTACT INFORMATION

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"In a world gone mad with rules & regulations, we help kids be kids"

HOURS OF OPERATION

7.00am – 6.00pm

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

During School Holidays & Pupil Free days

On all excursion days children are required to be at the centre no later than 8:45am and will return by approx. 4:00pm.

Transportation is provided in our bus or van depending on bookings.

Risk Assessments available upon request.

"WHAT TO BRING EVERYDAY"

All Children are required to bring a hat, water bottle, sunscreen, appropriate footwear and healthy lunch / snacks.

In winter warm clothes and socks are required each day.

In summer swimmers, sun/rash shirts, swim aids (if required), towel and plastic bag are required each day. Personal electronic devices are prohibited.

Please label all clothes. Spending money is optional!

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR VACATION CARE

To book please scan the QR code to be taken directly to our vacation care bookings area where you then select the centre you need and complete the form. Alternatively, go to our website at www.communityoosh.com.au and click the purple box titled "Vacation Care Bookings & Program"



VACATION CARE BOOKINGS CANNOT BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE OR BY TEXT MESSAGE. OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO BOOKINGS BEING ACCEPTED.

Your booking requests will be confirmed by email. Please check that you receive the confirmation from us within 2 working days of submitting. The minimum notice required to cancel a Vacation Care booking where no charge will apply is 1:30pm the working day before your booking. Please note that weekends and Public Holidays are Non Working Days. All bookings not cancelled by this time will be charged at full fee.

FEES: Depending on the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) and activity hours a parent is entitled too, the out of pocket costs to parents can range from a few dollars to the full rate shown below. To find out more about the Child Care Subsidy please visit at <https://www.education.gov.au/ChildCarePackage>. The table below shows the full fee with no Child Care Subsidy along with an example of the out of pocket expense where the highest rate of Child Care Subsidy is applied.

Your fee will vary depending on your own CCS rate and activity hours you receive. Unlike some providers, Community OOSH Services strive to put you and your children first, providing the highest quality care for the lowest possible price. Please note excursions are at an additional cost and vary depending on the excursion. The cost on each excursion are shown on the next page and these costs will have your CCS % applied to substantially reduce excursion costs.

2023 Fee Structure at Full Rate before the application of any CCS %		Example of Approximate out of pocket expenses at 85% CCS	
Vacation Care	\$68	Vacation Care	\$10.20
Sample Additional Excursion Cost	\$16	Sample Excursion CCS Applied	\$2.40

KINDERGARTEN 2024

Do you or someone you know have a child starting Kindergarten in 2024?

Please see below for information on our Kindy Kritters Transition Program



School Tour and Information Session

for parents of children starting school in 2024 at GRAFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL on Monday 11th September

School Tour at 5:00pm followed by the Information Session at 5:30pm at our Infants Campus, Mary Street, Grafton.

Come and Play Session

Thursday 12th October, 1:30 – 2:30pm

Children and Parents are invited to an informal session to orientate students to the school environment. Parents are welcome to stay if they wish.

Kinder Kritters Whole Day Transition Sessions

For children starting school in 2024

Children are invited to attend ALL or as many sessions as possible.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch, drink and a hat.

All sessions will be 9:30am – 2:30pm

Wednesday 25th October

Wednesday 1st November

Wednesday 8th November

Wednesday 15th November

Wednesday 22nd November



GRAFTON PROGRAM

OPENING HOURS 7AM TO 6PM



MONDAY 25 SEPT

EXCURSION +\$15 MOVIES

High school student Ruby Gillman discovers she's a direct descendant of the warrior Kraken Queens. Ruby must use her newfound powers to protect oceans of the world and those she loves most! After the movies, enjoy a picnic in the park with your friends for some games and activities in the spring sunshine! (Popcorn and drink deal included).

TUESDAY 26 SEPT

IN CENTRE

Today we're going to get you off the screens and onto the TOOLS as we bring Reality TV to life! Dabble in, and learn the basics of plumbing, painting, carpentry, landscaping and decorating! Whether you're a HANDY MAN, a LADY TRADIE or a STYLE GURU we'll tap into your hidden talents and discover the "WOW FACTOR!"



WEDNESDAY 27 SEPT

EXCURSION +\$16

BIG BANANA WATER PARK
Spring has sprung and the weather's getting warm so today we're off to enjoy the wet & wild fun of the Big Banana waterslides! (120cm height restriction applies on large slide) It's a "splashtastic" whizz-bang adrenalin rush! From there we'll head off to the park for a picnic lunch and play!



THURSDAY 28 SEPT

IN CENTRE – "SPRING FAIR!"

All the fun of the fair is at your fingertips today as we prepare for the ultimate celebration of Spring! Your morning will be spent with your friends designing, setting up and creating your own fairground attractions, rides and stalls! Then, it's off to the fair for a fabulous arvo of fun!



FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

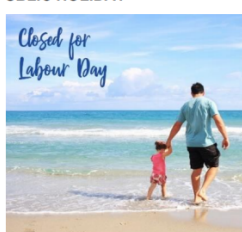
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SPRING LOADED
Time to turn yourself into a human superball today and go bouncing off the floor, walls and ceiling! (Please wear active clothes and socks!) When that's done, we'll head off for a picnic in the park with your friends to enjoy lots of games, activities and fun!



MONDAY 2 OCTOBER

PUBLIC HOLIDAY



TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER

EXCURSION +\$15 MOVIES

The Turtle brothers are back!! Trying to live as normal teenagers, they take on a mysterious crime syndicate, and soon realise they are not the only Mutants in town! After the movies, enjoy a picnic in the park with your friends for some games and activities in the spring sunshine! (Popcorn and drink deal included).



WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER

IN CENTRE - CULTURE CLUB

The Dictionary defines the word **CULTURE** as – "A way of life of a group of people, their behaviours, beliefs, values, and symbols that they accept." From ancient to modern and everything in between, we'll sample the best, weirdest and worst traditions, games, food and fun that the world has to offer! Be it Crab Racing, Cheese Chasing or Cannibalism (well, maybe not) today will be a hoot!



THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER

EXCURSION + \$16

COFFS HARBOUR BUSKERS & COMEDY FESTIVAL
KIDS SPECTACULAR
They're....fast! They're....funny! They're....fantastic! They're....BACK! It's the long-awaited return of the most spectacular Street Theatre Event ever to hit Coffs Harbour! With new thrills and new spills it's a fantastic day of fun and games for all.



FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER

IN CENTRE – DISNEY DELIGHTS!

Since the creation of Mickey Mouse in "Steamboat Willie" in 1928 there has been 812 movies to date, as the genius of Walt Disney's legacy continues to shape the imaginations of generations past present and future! Today we'll bring the escapades of your favourite characters from your favourite movies to life in a great day of fun! Prizes for best dressed characters!

