

A Tradition of Excellence

# Grafton Public School Newsletter



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Term 3 Week 9: Friday 15th September 2023

School Website - [Click Here](#)

## Just briefly this week..

- Keep an eye out for our "New Look Newsletter" coming in Term 4!
- As part of our upcoming hall renovations, the Bacon Street gates will NOT be accessible as of Monday 18th September until the end of the year. Both gates in Queen Street, the main gate and the double gate near bus lines, will be supervised by staff before and after school.
- Headphones that students have ordered are starting to arrive and will be progressively sent home over the coming weeks.
- **Thursday 21st September Green Level Rewards - Mufti Day for all students K-6**
- Just a reminder to use any remaining Flood Funding before the end of Term 3!

## Let's Hear It For The Kids!



**Name:** Phoenix  
**Class:** 1/2EG

**Favourite part of school:**  
My friends

**Favourite thing to do on the weekend:** Going to my Dad's & playing football

**If you could be anything in the world what would you be?:** A football player



**Name:** Jim  
**Class:** K/1EH

**Favourite part of school:**  
Writing

**Favourite thing to do on the weekend:** Camping

**If you could be anything in the world what would you be?:** A bird

## Upcoming Dates

### TERM 3

**Sept 18 - Sept 21** - Performing Arts Camp

**Sept 20** - Inclusive Sports Carnival—SU to Yamba PS

**Sept 21** - Green Level Rewards K-6

**Sept 22** - Last day of term

### TERM 4

**Oct 9** - Students Return

**Oct 10** - Year 2 Swim School

**Oct 19** - Kindergarten Excursion - Butterfly House

**Oct 23** - Dental Van Visit K-6

\* Subject to change \*



## PSSA Cricket

This week GPS Boys Cricket team played in Round 5 of the PSSA Knockout competition coming away with the win against Aldavilla Public School and will now progress to Round 6!

The winning score was 2/191

Aldavilla's score was 5/106

We lost the toss and were sent in to bat first.

Both teams completed their 25 overs each.

Top Bowling figures-

Harry S bowled 5 overs 1-4

Oliver W 4 overs for 1-9

Maxi C 4 overs 2-18

Harrison T 1 over 1-4

Batting Top figures-

Harrison T - smashed 4's and 6's and got to retire on 40

Harry S - Retired on 40 also smashing 4's and 6's

Theo D- 34

Jacob E - 39 N/O and he was our opener- he stayed there for the whole 25 overs! Made great batting partnerships to keep the high run rate going.

Maxi C and Harrison T got the catches of the day with his fast hands where he bowled and caught the batter!

It was a team effort and the boys displayed so much encouragement and teamwork. The whole team were superstars through the whole game. So many of the boys smashed their PB goals out of the park! Well done boys and good luck in the next round! Mrs G and Mr Beau couldn't be prouder of your commitment and efforts.

Special mention to Bruce Baxter for being both schools official umpire for the game and Anthony for scoring.



## PSSA Hockey



Congratulations to our Boys PSSA Hockey team for their win against Cundletown Public School this week! The team will now head off to the State finals in Newcastle early next term. Well done boys and thank you to Ms Buckley!

## Garden news..

This year some of our Infants students have been tending daily to their vegetable garden which this week produced some vegies bigger than their heads! The children were very excited about their harvest and cooked up a storm with their home grown vegies offering a taste test to the everyone on the Infants campus.





## Getting On Track In Time (Got It!)



We would like to thank the parents and carers who took the time to complete and return the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) form that was distributed to all Kindergarten-Year 2 students in Term 1. The results of the SDQ form helps identify children who would benefit from being included in the Got It! group program.



The Got It! Group Program is running in both Term 3 & Term 4 at Grafton Public School. We would like to thank those parents who participated in Term 3. Parents of children in classes K/1EH, KB, KP, & 1SW have been contacted for the group program commencing in Term 4.

If you have not been contacted for the Got It! Group Program and have concerns about your child's behaviour or social emotional wellbeing, please contact Relieving Deputy Principal Infants Campus, Mr Taylor, to discuss further.

You can also access your child's GP for support and referral options. Alternatively, the Family Connect and Support Service can provide access to a broad range of support services in the local area. You may wish to contact them on 1800 327 679.

## Check In Assessments

During Term 4, students in Years 3 to 5 will participate in the 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.

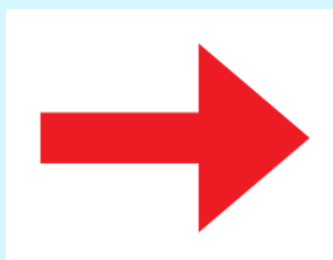
- The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 3 to Year 5 students during **Term 4, Week 1 and Week 2**
- All students complete a reading assessment and a numeracy assessment.

## GPS Notices

**KINDERGARTEN 2024**

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

Please see information on our Kindy Kritters Transition Program!



**Grafton Public School**

**Kindergarten Transition Program 2023**

**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 8th November
Wednesday 1st November	Wednesday 15th November
	Wednesday 22nd November

## LATE CANCELLATION ...NOW 1 X 2 BEDROOM UNIT AVAILABLE

**2023 GPS P & C Mum's Retreat**

**Friday 17-Sunday 19 November**

The bus leaves at 7am on Friday morning 17/11/23. We stay for 2 nights at the Bel-Air Resort at Broadbeach.

You can shop, swim, relax, enjoy a beverage or two, gossip, sleep.....whatever you wish to do for the weekend. The bus will be a shopping taxi but you may choose to just hang at the resort for some "me time". We return to Grafton around 8pm on Sunday night 19/11/23.

Cost will be \$300 each which covers bus and accommodation.

There are 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom and a limited number of 3 bedroom units available.

Please contact the office to make a booking.



## Community Notices

### CLARENCE YOUTH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 12-18!

**WEEK 1**

#### CVYH DROP-IN & SMOOTHIE BIKE

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Coutts Crossing, Skate Park  
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

#### OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 12pm to 5pm  
Out of the Box, Wherrett Park, Maclean  
Just turn up!

#### LASER SKIRMISH & MOBILE LIBRARY

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm to 4pm  
Minnie Water Headland, Minnie Water  
Just turn up!

#### OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 12pm to 5pm  
Out of the Box, Yamba Skate Park, Yamba  
Just turn up!

#### MOBILE LIBRARY & HEADSPACE SPORTS ARVO

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm to 4pm  
Glenreagh Hall, Glenreagh  
Just turn up!

#### ART WITH JIMMY WAGS

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm to 4pm  
Iluka Skate Park, Iluka  
Just turn up!

#### WHERE ARE WE WEDNESDAY DROP-IN

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Out of the Box, Wherrett Park, Maclean  
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

#### LASER SKIRMISH & MOBILE LIBRARY

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm to 4pm  
Tucabia rural fire station, Tucabia  
Just turn up!

#### COOKING CLUB

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Headspace Grafton  
Bookings essential – 6642 1520

#### WOODBURNING WORKSHOP

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 11am to 1pm  
Lawrence Hall, Lawrence  
Bookings essential – [dkbreck@hotmail.com](mailto:dkbreck@hotmail.com)

#### SURF LESSONS

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 9am to 12noon  
Turners Beach, Yamba  
Bookings essential – 0447 693 863

For more information and updates, check out our Facebook page 'Clarence Valley Youth'.

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 2**

#### LASER SKIRMISH

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2pm to 4pm  
Bailey Park, Ulmarra  
Just turn up!

#### OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 12pm to 5pm  
Yamba Skate Park, Yamba  
Just turn up!

#### ART WITH JIMMY WAGS

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 10am to 12pm  
Copmanhurst Hall, Copmanhurst  
Just turn up!

#### WEARABLE ART WORKSHOP & MOBILE LIBRARY

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 10am to 12pm  
Nymboida Hall, Nymboida  
Booking essential - 0414 284 150

#### LASER SKIRMISH & MOBILE LIBRARY

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm to 4pm  
Coutts Crossing Skate Park  
Just Turn up!

#### HEADSPACE DAY

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 10am to 2pm  
PCYC, Grafton  
Just turn up!

#### COMMUNITY CULTURAL CONNECTIONS DAY

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 10am to 1pm  
Iluka Skate Park, Iluka  
Just turn up!

#### COOKING CLUB

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Headspace Grafton  
Bookings essential – 6642 1520

#### GRAFFITI WORKSHOP & MOBILE LIBRARY

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm to 4pm  
Lawrence Memorial Park, Lawrence  
Bookings essential – Text 0423 134 173

#### GRAFFITI ARTSHOP

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2pm to 4pm  
Wooli Skate Park, Wooli  
Bookings essential – Text 0423 134 173

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# headspace DAY

**PCYC GRAFTON**  
WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER  
10AM TO 2PM


SLUSHIES  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
ZORB BALLS  
LASER TAG  
GAMES  
INCLUSION  
LUCKY DOOR PRIZES  
**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT**

**PCYC** | POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUBS NSW



# IF/THEN



**TICKETS**

## IF/THEN

Adults \$20, Concession \$15, Children \$10

Thursday 19th October 2023 7:00pm  
Friday 20th October 2023 7:00pm  
Saturday 21st October 2023 7:00pm  
Sunday 22nd October 2023 3:00pm

**CVCON**  
CIVIL SERVICE SOCIETY OF NSW

**NSW**

02 6643 3555  
cvcon.nsw.edu.au

# Minnie Water Wooli SLSC

## NIPPERS

Open to children aged 5 years to 13 years

**Sundays from**  
**October 8<sup>th</sup> onwards**

**Free COME & TRY**



Becoming a Minnie Water Wooli Nipper is a simple process:

- Step 1:** Register as a new member/s online at [sls.com.au/join](https://sls.com.au/join), or renew registration via the **SLS Members portal**, or come down to the clubhouse to our **Information and Sign on days** on Saturday 23 September & 7 October, from 10am - 1pm. Active Kids Vouchers are accepted. At least one adult family member needs to join as well.
- Step 2:** All nippers need to complete a pool swim evaluation. Further details to be advised on the club and nipper facebook pages.
- For further information or enquiries contact the Junior Activities Coordinator – Peter on **0427426977** or at [jac@mwwslsc.org.au](mailto:jac@mwwslsc.org.au)




**ACTIVE KIDS**

**GRAFTON GOANNAS TOUCH FOOTBALL**

## REGISTRATIONS OPEN

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

**Starts: Monday 9th**  
**October**  
**@ FISHER PARK**



# South Services Cricket Club

Junior cricket starts the first week of Term 4.

Under 14s play Thursday afternoons from 4.00pm.  
Under 12s play Friday afternoons 4.00pm  
Under 10s play Saturday mornings 9-11.30am

Cricket is a great sport for girls and boys to play. If you would like to join us come along to a Sign-on/training on Wednesday 20th September from 3.00pm.

Where: JJ Lawrence Nets South Grafton

All players must register through the new **PlayHq** format. Go to [playcricket.com.au](https://playcricket.com.au) search for South Services Cricket Club then register under the Junior Cricket Club Banner. You can use an Active Kids Voucher.

For more information contact Bruce Baxter on 0427 060 750.

