

A Tradition of Excellence

Grafton Public School Newsletter



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Relieving Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

GPS students have been participating and representing GPS in a plethora of events and activities over the past fortnight!

Book Character Parade/Grandparents Day

The sun was shining and the smiles were endless yesterday with our combined Book Character Parade and Grandparents Day. Students and staff came dressed as their favourite book characters, bringing books to life and it was wonderful to see the creativity and effort put into each costume. To top off the day we had our grandparents and loved ones on site enjoying the festivities! Personally, I think the 'Tooty Cha Cha' dance was the highlight of the day. What a performance! Thank you to everyone who made this day possible. A special shout out to Mrs Gallagher and Miss Karen for the behind the scenes organisation.

Science Week

Last week GPS celebrated Science Week. We are extremely fortunate to have our very own resident scientist, Mr Craythorn! Although this year's theme was 'Innovation: Powering Future Industries', we decided to run with the theme of Sharks! Students had the opportunity to feel and touch real sharks' teeth and jaws and gain a better understanding of how artificial intelligence is helping in the preservation of sharks and their environment.

National Day of Action Against Bullying

Last Friday, students were asked to wear something orange to stand up against bullying. Students participated in a range of lessons and thought-provoking activities throughout the day. It was also a great opportunity to highlight the amazing programs and supports our school facilitates for our students daily. Together we reaffirmed the school's stance against bullying and emphasised the importance of following our STAR values; Set a Good Example, Tolerate Differences, Always do Your Best and Respect Everyone.

Vietnam Veterans March

Our school leaders and SRC representatives came together last Friday afternoon to show our support and gratitude for the sacrifices made by Vietnam Veterans. This year marked the 50th anniversary of the end of Australia's involvement in the war. Our students participated in a march alongside the veterans, expressing their appreciation and sacrifice for our country.

P&C

Our fabulous P&C are in the process of a recruitment drive and looking for anyone who is willing and able to lend a hand in any capacity. Whether it be flipping a snag on the BBQ, helping serve slushies or being a part of the P&C team. P&C meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month. If you are able to help please contact the school and we can pass on your interest to the P&C. I would like to personally thank the P&C for all their hard work and commitment to our school.

Exciting News!

Just recently Lennox Monaghan, our school captain, has been selected to be a 'Specialist Performer' at the NSW Schools Spectacular in 2023 (a televised event) where he will play his didgeridoo and dance. He has also been successful in a recent audition for a feature motion picture 'Wind Catcher' that will be available on the streaming service, STAN. Lennox has gained the lead actor role of Percy which will be filmed over the next three months! This achievement is exceptional especially for a student in country NSW. Lennox aspires to be an actor and is motivated to succeed and share his Culture with the world. A huge congratulations to Lennox. We are so incredibly proud of you!

Have a great weekend!

Nick Campbell, Relieving Principal

Lets Hear It For The Kids!



Name: Victoria

Class: 1/2EG

Favourite part of school:
Playing in the playground

Favourite thing to do on the weekend: Going to the shops to buy make up

If you could be anything in the world what would you be?: A doctor to take care of all the old people



Name: Ivy

Class: KB

Favourite part of school:
Playing at lunch time

Favourite thing to do on the weekend: Going to the shops

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



Name: Penny

Class: KP

Favourite part of school:
Playing outside

Favourite thing to do on the weekend: Going with my Nan to the park

If you could be anything in the world what would you be?: Supergirl



Name: Sebastian

Class: 2PW

Favourite part of school:
Soccer

Favourite thing to do on the weekend: Playing football

If you could be anything in the world what would you be?: Police Officer

Science Week!

Last week our students enjoyed National Science Week with a special presentation from Mr Craythorn all about sharks!



Long Way Home Writing Competition

Congratulations to GPS students Zoe B, Sophia, Aidan, Hanna, Novi, Theo and Zoe W, who will be published in this years edition following the Long Way Home Writing Competition. We would like to congratulate all those students who submitted an entry - the quality of work was outstanding!

Upcoming Dates..

Aug 28 - ICAS Mathematics

Aug 29 - P&C Fathers Day Stall Infants

Aug 30 - P&C Fathers Day Stall Primary

Sept 1 - North Coast Athletics

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 *

Grandparents Day



Yesterday we welcomed some special visitors into GPS for Grandparents Day! Students were very excited to share their work and do activities with their visitors.



Book Character Parade

Book Character Parade was a huge hit! All costumes were fantastic and everyone had a great day.



Many more photos were taken on the day so head on over to our Facebook page to view more of the fun!

Todd Woodbridge Cup



Last week our GPS Tennis Team came second in the local Todd Woodbridge Cup.
Congratulations team and thank you Mrs Kelemec!

School Crossings



Reminder to all students

When crossing the road at the school crossings, please make sure to always hop off bikes and scooters and walk them across the crossing.
Always follow instructions from the school crossing supervisors.

GPS Notices

P & C
GRAFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL
NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6pm!

P and C Recent Achievements

- Purchased a school Slushie Machine and run Disco Events.
- Raised \$8000.00 toward new playground equipment
- Raised \$10000.00 toward new literacy books.

We would like to invite you to join us in making this school even greater for all of our children by attending our meetings or by assisting us in our fundraising events. Our meetings are held the **second Tuesday of the month** during the school term at 6pm in the library. The meetings are casual and friendly, a school representative provides an update on things happening at the school and we discuss ways to improve the school and ideas to raise funds. You don't have to attend every meeting and your children are always welcome, after all they are the stars of the show.

Contact us:
gpspandsecretary@gmail.com

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

How to spend your Flood Funding Credit.....

School Uniform-
please collect
order form from
the office

Shoes - visit
Sportspower or
Athletes Foot

Canteen orders
or school hats

Book Fair, Week
6 in the library

Performing Arts
- band, choir and
dance fees

GPS School
Bags and
library bags

Excursion Payments-

- Deposit for Year 4 Camp 2024
- Deposit for Year 6 Canberra/Sydney trip 2024
- Performing Arts Tour
- Year 6 End of Year activities
- Kindergarten Excursion
- Year 3 Excursion
- Movie Day for all grades K-5
- Year 1 Excursion
- Year 2 Excursion
- Year 2 Swim School Term 4
- Independent Living Skills Camp

Headphones

Yearbook

Any questions
please ask



Credit must be used before the end
of October

P&C Fathers Day Stall

Volunteers needed for the P&C Fathers Day Stall.
Infants Campus 29th August & Primary Campus 30th August.
 Please let the school office know if you are able to lend a hand!



Community Notices

Grafton Local AEGG



Notice of General Meeting

**15 September 2023
12 noon
Grafton High School
97 Mary St Grafton**

Membership

We would like to invite families to join the Grafton AEGG to be an integral part of Aboriginal Education.

You can sign up to be a local member by attending the next meeting and paying the \$2.00 membership fee.

All members of the community can become members of the AEGG, but only Aboriginal adults (18 years and over) can vote and hold office bearers positions.

One of the goals for 2023 is that we would like to have more Aboriginal people involved from community and those working within our local schools.

We can arrange merit selection training online, or as a group.

WHAT CAN YOU DO WHILE YOU'RE A MEMBER OF THE AEGG

- Work on programs for Education
- Help the community to be a part of local schools
- Be a member of a selection panel for vacant teaching positions

For more information:

- find our group on facebook
- <http://www.aegg.nsw.edu.au> for
- email @gmail.com

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CONSULTATION GROUP

the PARENTING CHILDREN course

for those parenting 0 to 10 year olds

Child minding & dinner for the kids provided!

WHEN: 5:30 - 7pm on Tuesdays
(the course runs for 5 weeks)

WHERE: Connect Church
69 Wharf St, South Grafton

RSVP: Liz - 0409 714 726

- 22nd August - Building Strong Foundations
- 29th August - Meeting Our Children's Needs
- 5th September - Setting Boundaries
- 12th September - Teaching Healthy Relationships
- 19th September - Our Long Term Aim



CLARENCE VALLEY CHILD & FAMILY NETWORK

COME & JOIN US FOR OUR

SPRING CARNIVAL

**FRIDAY AT CLARENCE RIVER
SEPTEMBER 1 JOCKEY CLUB
2:00PM - 6:00PM**

FREE ENTRY

Events

Bouncy Castle, Carnival Rides, Entertainment, Hot Food and Sweet Treats, Information and Activity Stands, Fire Truck, Police Car

Reptile World Shows
 2:30pm | 3:30pm | Opportunity for pats and photos with the reptiles 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Celebrating National Child Protection Week

Every child in every community needs a fair go



BRAUNSTONE WIGGING OUT

BRAUNSTONE WIGGING OUT ANNUAL MORNING TEA

Date: Saturday 2nd of September 2023
 Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm
 \$10.00 Entry Pre Sale tickets available
 Braunstone Tennis Courts - Crn of Orara way and Braunstone Road
 Morning Tea Provided - Craft Stalls, Cakes Stalls, Raffles
 Games and a great morning of laughs!
 Grab some friends and come along.
 Social Selfies Photo Booth to capture some great memories on the day.
 Bus Available for free by Grafton Community Buses Bookings are Essential.
 Pick Up Market Square 9.00am
 Pick up South Grafton Post Office 9.10am
 Contact Sharon 0427425030 for tickets and Bus bookings.

Best Wig competition - Come sporting your best wig....

Proceeds to Westpac Helicopter and other local charities.

Only 100 tickets available

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BRAUNSTONE WIGGING OUT

When Saturday 2 nd of September 2023 From 5pm Braunstone Hall Braunstone Contact Sharon 0427425030	This Years Charity Westpac Helicopter As well as local charities and people from the Clarence Valley Special event this year we have Ella Graham cutting off her long hair to raise money for Kids with Cancer
Auction 7.00pm Start List of items to follow \$500 Grog raffle Handmade Patchwork Quilt Raffle	Entertainment DJ Big Al From 6.00pm till Late Social Selfies Photo Booth to capture some great memories from the night. Food Available to Purchase on the night. BYO Drinks
Kids Carnival \$10.00 all-inclusive Kids Carnival 5-8pm Mechanical Bull, Face painting, Kids entertainment from the smileys including Characters. Lots of Games and Prizes Sausage Sandwich included.	Mechanical Bucking Bull Calcutta 8-9pm Bring your best Bull riding skills. \$5.00 to enter competition. Top rider receives a prize. Be the Lucky person to win the bid on the winning rider and take 1/2 of the winning pool other half goes to the Fundraiser...