



TERM 4 WEEK 3 - FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2023

# GRAFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Dates

**Oct 29 - Jacaranda Parade of Youth**

**Oct 30 - Crazy Hair Day  
Jacaranda/Halloween Theme**

**Oct 31 - Year 2 Swim School**

**Oct 31 - Nov 2 - SU Ten Pin  
Bowling State Championships**

**Oct 31 - Year 2 Swim School**

**Nov 1 - Badge Ceremony**

**Nov 1 - Kinder Kritters**

**Nov 1 - Jacaranda Schools  
Concert for CAPA students**

**Nov 2 - Jacaranda Thursday**

\* Dates subject to change \*



## Just briefly this week...

- Jacaranda Parade of Youth - Students wishing to march with the school need to meet teachers at the steps of the council building, at the river end of Prince Street at 8.30am, dressed in full school uniform with a hat. The parade will commence at 9.00am. Students will walk to Market Square where schools will gather for the banner judging
- Flood Funding - a reminder to all families that any remaining Flood Funding credit must be used before 10th November
- Please ensure all notes for Jacaranda Thursday attendance have been returned to class teachers

# happy friday





# Let's Hear It For The Kids!

**Name:** Evie

**Class:** 2NW



**Favourite part of school:**  
Maths

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

**If you could be anything  
in the world what would  
you be?:** The Prime  
Minister

**Name:** Edie

**Class:** 2NW



**Favourite part of school:**  
Playing with my friends

**Favourite thing to do on  
the weekend:** Going to my  
beach house

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

## Crazy Hair Day

Monday 30th October is Crazy Hair Day at GPS!

The theme is Jacaranda / Halloween.

This is a P&C Fundraiser and will be a gold coin donation.

We cannot wait to see some of the craziness that you come up with!

**Normal school uniform to be worn.**



## Jacaranda Thursday

Grafton Public School will be open until 1:00pm on Jacaranda Thursday, 2nd November.

In previous years, most students were absent from school on this day. As such whilst the school will remain open for the morning, it is unlikely that normal lessons and routine will operate. The school canteen will be closed. Any student who attends school in the morning will be required to stay at school until 1:00pm, unless parents sign him/her out of school, as per normal school procedure. If your child attends school on this day, you must make appropriate arrangements to pick them up by 1pm.



## School Crossings

Please be aware during morning and afternoon drop off/pick up of the "No Stopping" areas next to the school crossings.

Legally our School Crossing Supervisors are unable to let children cross if there is a car parked in these areas.

Our students safety is top priority!



# GPS NOTICES



## 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

## IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN 2024?



Bookings are now open for  
**BEFORE SCHOOL HEALTH**  
**ASSESSMENTS**

Please call Grafton Community Health on  
6641 8702 to make a free  
appointment. Your child's vision, hearing,  
speech, development and oral health will  
be assessed.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Minnie Water Wooli SLSC

### Nippers

**29 October**



**Free**

## COME & TRY

at Minnie Water Main Beach

At 9.30am to 12.00

All Enquiries call Peter on [0427 426 977](tel:0427426977)

## TRIVIA

night fundraiser

Supporting Westlawn Preschool

Please join us for a fun filled night of  
trivia & games to raise money for our  
not-for-profit Community Preschool

**6:30pm Sat 25th November**  
**@ Clarence River Jockey Club**



Scan QR code for  
more information  
& to book your tickets





# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

OCTOBER | NOVEMBER 2023



### ILLUMINATE OPENING

SEE PARK - 7.30PM

JACARANDAS AT NIGHT  
ENTERTAINMENT  
FOOD TRUCKS | BAR

FRI  
20 OCT

FREE EVENT

### CHILDREN'S PARTY

SEE PARK - 10AM

FANCY DRESS | GAMES | PRIZES  
MINI PARTY BALLOT  
FOOD TRUCKS

SAT  
21 OCT

FREE EVENT

### JACARANDA BALL

GRAFTON BARN - 6.00PM

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
3 COURSE DINNER  
LICENSED BAR

TICKETED EVENT

### BUNDJALUNG, GUMBAYNGGIRR & YAEGL RIVER DREAMING A DAY OF CULTURE

MARKET SQUARE - 10AM

MARKETS | ENTERTAINMENT  
FOOD TRUCKS

FRI  
27 OCT

FREE EVENT

### FRRR & YULGILBAR FOUNDATION TROY CASSAR-DALEY + DON WALKER

MARKET SQUARE - 7.30PM

ENTERTAINMENT  
FOOD TRUCKS  
LICENSED BAR

FREE EVENT

### PARADE OF YOUTH & BANNER COMPETITION

PRINCE ST TO MARKET SQUARE - 9AM

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT  
FOOD TRUCKS

SAT  
28 OCT

FREE EVENT

### CHS TRAINING BLOSSOM WINE & DINE LONG LUNCH

GARDEN ST - SEE PARK - 12PM

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
GRAZING BOXES | LICENSED BAR

TICKETED EVENT

### PURPLE PICTURE CAR CRUISE

DEPARTS SEE PARK - 3PM

A CAR CRUISE AROUND THE  
JACARANDA AVENUES  
COMPETING TO PHOTOGRAPH  
OBSCURE ITEMS

TICKETED EVENT

### WESTLAWN ROYAL PARTY CROWNING

MARKET SQUARE - 7.30PM

ENTERTAINMENT  
FOOD TRUCKS  
LICENSED BAR

FREE EVENT

### LIVABLE RETROFEST EVERYTHING 50'S & 60'S

MARKET SQUARE - 10AM

ROCK'N'ROLL | PIN UP COMP  
CARS & BIKES | MARKETS  
FOOD TRUCKS | BAR

SUN  
29 OCT

FREE EVENT

### WHIDDON JACARANDA AFTERNOON TEA

CRJC - 1.30PM

GUEST SPEAKER  
RAFFLES | TOMBOLAS

MON  
30 OCT

TICKETED EVENT

### TAIKOZ CVCON | MUSICAVIVA

MARKET SQUARE - 7.30PM

ENTERTAINMENT  
FOOD TRUCKS | LICENSED BAR

FREE EVENT

### NORTHERN PATHWAYS ROYAL PARTY & SPONSORS COCKTAIL EVENING

CLOCKTOWER HOTEL - 7PM

ENTERTAINMENT  
CATERED COCKTAIL PARTY

TUE  
31 OCT

TICKETED EVENT

### VALLEY SCHOOL'S ON SHOW

MARKET SQUARE - 10AM

ENTERTAINMENT  
FOOD TRUCKS

WED  
1 NOV

FREE EVENT

### CARNIVAL CAPERS

RUGBY FIELDS - HAY ST  
SOUTH GRAFTON - 3PM

ENTERTAINMENT | KIDS ACTIVITIES  
FOOD TRUCKS

FREE EVENT

### 2GF & CLARENCE VALLEY INDEPENDENT FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

MARKET SQUARE - 7AM

THU  
2 NOV

FREE EVENT

### ANYTIME FITNESS JACARANDA THURSDAY

MARKET SQUARE | CBD - 7AM TO 3PM

3 STAGES OF ENTERTAINMENT  
MARKETS  
FOOD TRUCKS | RIDES  
LICENSED BAR FROM 11AM

FREE EVENT

### COVER PURPLE BRIEFS FACTORY + BETTY SMOKES AND THE FORGETABOUTS BAND

MARKET SQUARE - 7.30PM

ENTERTAINMENT | FOOD TRUCKS  
LICENSED BAR

FREE EVENT

### CROWN HOTEL VENETIAN CARNIVAL

MEMORIAL PARK - 6PM

SHOWCASE OF LOCAL TALENT  
FOOD TRUCKS  
LICENSED BAR

FRI  
3 NOV

FREE EVENT

### CROWN HOTEL FIREWORKS

MEMORIAL PARK - 9PM

ENTERTAINMENT  
FOOD TRUCKS  
LICENSED BAR

FREE EVENT

### MIDCOAST FAMILY DAY CARE BEAUTIFUL BABY COMPETITION

MARKET SQUARE - 10AM

BABIES GALORE  
FOOD TRUCKS

SAT  
4 NOV

TICKETED EVENT

### CLOCKTOWER HOTEL SPLASH OF TARTAN PIPE BANDS & HIGHLAND DANCERS

MARKET SQUARE - 1PM

FOOD TRUCKS  
LICENSED BAR

FREE EVENT

### NEWCASTLE PERMANENT JACARANDA FLOAT PROCESSION

PRINCE ST - 5PM

FOOD TRUCKS  
LICENSED BAR IN MARKET SQUARE

FREE EVENT

### JACARANDA ROYAL PARTY MEET & GREET

MARKET SQUARE - 6.30PM

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY  
WITH THE OFFICIAL ROYAL PARTY

FREE EVENT

### PARTY IN THE PARK PINK V's GAGA TRIBUTE SHOW

MARKET SQUARE - 7PM

FOOD TRUCKS  
LICENSED BAR

FREE EVENT

### JACARANDA FUN RUN & COLOUR RUN

MEMORIAL PARK - 6AM

2KM | 5KM | 10KM | 21KM  
FUN RUN OVER BENDY BRIDGE  
FOOD & COFFEE TRUCKS

SUN  
5 NOV

TICKETED EVENT

### MERCHANDISE & INFORMATION STORE

LOCATION TO BE ADVISED

OPEN DAILY - 9AM TO 5PM

FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER TO  
FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER

JACA HQ

### JACARANDA'S AT NIGHT

SEE PARK | FREE EVENT  
NIGHTLY - 7.30PM TO 10PM

THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER TO  
THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER  
ENTERTAINMENT & FOOD TRUCKS  
ON THUR, FRI & SAT EVENINGS

ILLUMINATE

### ACTION COACHES BUS DEPARTS MARKET SQUARE ON THE HOUR

TOUR OF JACARANDA AVENUES  
AND SEE PARK  
OPERATES DAILY FROM 9AM  
SAT 29/10 TO SAT 5/11  
GOLD COIN DONATION

HOP ON - HOP OFF BUS

### OFFICIAL JACARANDA PROGRAM

WILL DETAIL ALL COMMUNITY  
EVENTS TAKING PLACE DURING  
THE FESTIVAL  
FRI 27/10 TO SUN 5/11  
PRICE VARIES PER EVENT

COMMUNITY EVENTS

INFORMATION, TICKETS AND ENTRY FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE FESTIVAL WEBSITE



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