



GRAFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

Apr 25	Anzac Day
Apr 30	School Resumes for Term 2



25 APRIL

ANZAC DAY

Although ANZAC Day is at the end of the holidays, Grafton Public School would like to be well represented at the city's march and invite all students from Kinder to Year 6 to join us.

Assemble at Market Square and report to attending staff no later than 9.15 am for the march which will begin at 9.30 am. Please ensure that you get your name marked off by a staff member.

LEST
WE
FORGET

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



School Resumes for Students
Tuesday 30th April

Relieving Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing start to 2024. The term has been action packed! After all the hard work this term, our students deserve this upcoming two-week break. It's the perfect chance for them to relax, hang out with family and friends, and get excited for a fun Term 2!

StoryFest

40 students from GPS were given the opportunity to attend StoryFest, with over 44 authors, storytellers, songwriters, and artists. They engaged with students from over 50 schools in the SE Queensland region. A big thank you to Dymocks who paid for the trip! Our students were given an amazing experience, participating in workshops and speaking with authors from all over the world.

Cross Country

Late last month we held our GPS Cross Country. It was great to see a high level of participation from the students and Year 2 coming over for a run! Well done to Schaeffer House which won the shield for Champion House of the carnival. A big shout out to Mr Avery for organising the event.

Easter Hat Parade

The Easter Hat Parade was a hopping success! It was fantastic to see parents, carers and community members on school grounds jumping into the festivities. A big thank you to our Events Committee and P&C for organising the Easter Raffle!

Hall Update

I am excited to announce that the much-anticipated renovation of our school hall is nearing completion. I had the opportunity to have a sneak peak in the hall this week and was really impressed. It has been transformed into a vibrant and modern space that will serve as a hub for various events and activities. We look forward to unveiling the newly renovated hall to our students and parents next term.

Next Term

As we anticipate the upcoming term, I am excited about the events that are coming up including the Athletics Carnival, NAIDOC Week, Year 6 Canberra Excursion. A big thank you to all the staff at GPS for their incredible efforts this term! Your dedication and hard work have truly made a difference in the lives of our students. We appreciate everything you do to create a positive and nurturing learning environment.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable break.

Nick Campbell
Relieving Principal
Grafton Public School

Anzac Day – Thursday 25th April



Although ANZAC Day is at the end of the holidays, Grafton Public School would like to be well represented at the city's march and invite all students from Kinder to Year 6 to join us.

In particular, we would appreciate all badged students (Prefects, SRC members, Library Monitors and House Captains) being present if possible. Students who attend will receive one of our Community Service Awards and an icy treat from the canteen.

A reminder to Year 6 students that attendance at the ANZAC march is a requirement for the Year 6 STAR Award (or a note is needed explaining exclusion from parents).

If it is raining, the march will still take place. Please still come, with appropriate wet weather protection.

Arrangements are as follows:

Students are to wear FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM, including school hat.


Assemble at Market Square and report to attending staff no later than 9.15 am for the march which will begin at 9.30 am. Please ensure that you get your name marked off by a staff member.

The march will move along Prince St to the Cenotaph at Memorial Park (river end of Prince St) where students will sit for the short ceremony. We ask that parents collect students at the conclusion of the service. It is advisable for students to have sun screen on and water available after the march as it can still be quite hot at this time of the year.

We hope to see you there!

School Bytes Weekly Update

Reminder



A reminder to parents: please go into your School Bytes app and complete the Long Term Permission Note for your child.

If you have not yet registered for School Bytes, please do so ASAP. If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

All Permission Notes in 2024 will be online

School Bytes

Parent App

Available now!

Download on the App Store or Google Play by clicking the image below.



Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts

Please download and register now!

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

YEAR 4 EXCURSION

Coffs Coast Adventure Centre Online Forms Must be completed BEFORE 1.5.24

Payment and Permission Slip Due by 10.5.24

YEAR 6 EXCURSION

PERMISSION SLIP DUE BY 03.05.24

PAYMENT DUE BY 21.06.24

Important Messages

GPS
WELLBEING BOOST
DOLLARS



STUDENTS WHO HAVE A CANTEEN
VOUCHER ARE REMINDED THAT THEY
MUST HAVE IT WITH THEM TO USE IT.

KEEP IT PROTECTED SO IT IS
READABLE AND DO NOT LOSE IT.



Return and Earn for GPS Performing Arts



Please consider cashing in your cans and bottles and pledge the dollars to our GPS Performing Arts Programs. With your help, we hope to be able to give every child a chance to shine!

South Grafton self serve centre behind Maccas
Download the Return and Earn app from App Store /Google Play. Login/register. Select Charities, search for Grafton Public School and set as payout. Scan barcode each time before you start at the South Grafton Return and Earn Centre.

Take them to the Grafton Container Return in North Street and ask that your payment be donated to Grafton Public School

An adult may bring them in to school and we will do the recycling for you. A special bin and chute will be set up at school next week for after hours collections

This is an extension of existing Environmental Initiatives at our school. The students recycle their empty poppers and use the money to ensure our garden flourishes.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CLARENCE VALLEY YOUTH WEEK 2024
11 APRIL to 21 APRIL

MON 15 APRIL - 10AM-3PM
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
JJ LAWRENCE PARK, STH GRAFTON

MON 15 APRIL - 2PM-4PM
FLOWER CROWN WORKSHOP
ILUKA COMMUNITY HALL, ILUKA

TUE 16 APRIL - 11AM-2PM
COMMUNITY CULTURAL CONNECTIONS DAY
LAWRENCE MEMORIAL PARK

TUE 16 APRIL - 3PM-5PM
LASER SKIRMISH
BAILEY PARK, ULMARRA

WED 17 APRIL - 10AM-2PM
ART IN THE PARK
MEMORIAL PARK, GRAFTON

WED 17 APRIL - 3PM-5PM
LASER SKIRMISH
NIP WELSH PARK, MINNIE WATER

THU 18 APRIL - 2PM-4PM
LASER SKIRMISH
WOOMBAAH PARK, WOOMBAAH

THU 18 APRIL - 5PM-9PM
LIVE 'N' LOUD
GRAFTON LIBRARY

FRI 19 APRIL - 10AM-12PM
WEARABLE ART WORKSHOP
GLENREAGH HALL, GLENREAGH

FRI 19 APRIL - 11AM-3PM
KICK FLIPS & TAIL WHIPS
YAMBA SKATE PARK

SAT 20 APRIL - 5.30PM-8.30PM
CHANGING LANES CAR MEET
GRAFTON LIBRARY

SUN 21 APRIL - 9AM-12PM
COLOUR FUN RUN
JABOURG PARK, STH GRAFTON

THU 11 APRIL - 9AM-3PM
YOUR FUTURE FEST
CLARENCE VALLEY
GRAFTON TAFE

FRI 12 APRIL - 3.30PM-5PM
OUT OF THE BOX SESSION
YAMBA SKATE PARK

SAT 13 APRIL - 10AM-5PM
WADYARR YOUTH DAY
ESK STUDIO, ILUKA

SUN 14 APRIL - 5PM-8PM
OUTDOOR CINEMA
WHENRETT PARK, MAGLEAN

MON 15 APRIL - 10AM-12PM
WEARABLE ART WORKSHOP
DUNDURRABIN SCHOOL

ALL YOUTH WEEK EVENTS ARE DRUG, ALCOHOL AND VAPE FREE. UNDER 12'S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT. ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. PLEASE CONTACT ALLIRA 0429 140 989 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO MAKE A BOOKING.

NSW GOVERNMENT NSW CLARENCE VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Country Governance Centre

SOCIAL FUTURES

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Loving Life

Camping - Canoeing - Friendship - Archery - Volunteering

GRAFTON GIRL GUIDES

TRY GIRL GUIDES
Before you join!

TWO free trials with a Unit of your choice to help you decide if **GIRL GUIDES** is right for you!




Guide Hall at:
201 Prince Street, Grafton

Contact:
Grafton.Girl.Guides@gmail.com

GIRL GUIDES AUSTRALIA
NSW ACT NT



Cooking - Life Skills - Campfire - Craft - Sleepover - Hiking

CVCON

CLARENCE VALLEY CONSERVATORIUM

MUSICAL WONDERLAND: A JOYFUL JOURNEY FOR LITTLE EARS

FEATURING

STRINGS'N THINGS

KIDS CHORUS

FREE CONCERT

SATURDAY, MAY 11
10:30AM

NSW GOVERNMENT CLARENCE VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL

ARE YOU A 7 TO 9 YEAR OLD?

DO YOU WANT TO PLAY SOCCER?




Come join our club!



REGISTER AT
WWW.PLAYFOOTBALL.COM.AU

COMMUNITY NOTICES



GRAFTON TIGERS
AFL CLUB
Join us in 2024

We are on the lookout for players for our Junior AFL teams

Training:

- Start date to be confirmed
- Tuesday and Thursday
- 5pm—6 pm

Location: Ellem Oval, Prince Street, Grafton
Game Day: Sunday

For more information:
Dayne – 0438 431 418
Chris – 0407 202 159
Facebook - Grafton Tigers Football Netball



Come and give it a go!



South Grafton
REBELS
JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

Come and Play for
The South Grafton Rebels
Junior Rugby League



- U6-U7 LeagueTag & Tackle Ready Program
- Mixed Tackle U8-U12
- Male tackle U13-U16
- Female Tackle U13, U15, U17
- Girls League Tag U13-U16

SIGN UP NOW
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0409049888



nab AFL Auskick

Grafton Auskick Centre
Ellem Oval
Thursday - 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Register NOW!



Dayne McPhillips - 0438 431 418 or gerous07@hotmail.com

THE CRITERION THEATRE GRAFTON PROUDLY PRESENTS

JOSEPH

and the

Music By Andrew Lloyd Webber
Lyrics By Tim Rice

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Musical Direction by Jenny Worrell & Dan Fahey - Director Fran McHugh - Choreography Nicole Davies

MAY 16-19
Evenings 7pm
Matinées 2pm



All seats Table Seating and BYO

Tickets on sale April 5th
online @ HUMANITIX
or from Buckley's Music

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Autumn School Holiday Activities

COST: \$32 Half Day - \$50 Full Day

AGES: 5-12 years

TIME: Half Day - 8:00am - 12:00pm; 12:30pm - 4:30pm

Full Day - 8:00am - 4:30pm

BOOK NOW



ADDITIONAL INFO: Water bottle, lunch, enclosed shoes, change of clothes

Mon 15th	Messy Day: A day dedicated to Messy Play including Tie Dyeing, Slime Making and a Colour Run (\$10 Extra)
Tues 16th	Olympics Day: In the run up to the Olympics, we will be taking part in different sports in the Olympics including Gymnastics, Basketball & Track & Field
Wed 17th	Morning: Team Sports - A Morning focusing on team sports including Futsal, T-Ball, & OzTag Afternoon: Team Building Challenge: An afternoon of team-based challenges to complete
Thur 18th	Morning: Cooking - Lemon Drizzle Cake: A delicious cake with a Lemon Tang Afternoon - Paint and Shake: we will be making Shakes and painting on canvases (\$5 extra)
Fri 19th	Morning: Gymnastics Workshop Afternoon: Futsal Workshop
Mon 22nd	Earth Day: A day focused on the Earth day Theme: Planet vs Plastics and in the afternoon we will be creating terrariums! (\$10 Extra)
Tues 23rd	Young Inventors Day: A day centered around Science such as aerodynamics of Paper Planes, Marshmallow Catapults and Chemical Reactions
Wed 24th	Morning: Craft - Paper Poppies - we will be creating paper poppies for kids and family. Afternoon: Cooking ANZAC Biscuits: We will be making these classic aussie biscuits!
Thur 25th	ANZAC Day: Closed
Fri 26th	Morning: Craft - Clay Jewellery Making: Designing jewellery using polymer clay! Afternoon: Laser Tag and Minute to win it games - A PCYC favourite! (\$5 extra)
Mon 29th	Pajama Day: A day to come in and play slumber party games, watch movies and eat popcorn!

CONTACT US:

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Website: <https://www.pcycnsw.org.au/grafton/school-holidays>

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CLARENCE YOUTH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 12-18!

WEEK 1

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
Monday 15th April, 10am to 3pm
Jabour Park, South Grafton
Just turn up!

WEARABLE ART WORKSHOP
Monday 15th April, 10am to 12noon
Dundurrabin School, Dundurrabin
Bookings essential text – 0414 284 150

FLOWER CROWN WORKSHOP
Monday 15th April, 2pm to 4pm
Iluka Community Hall, Iluka
Bookings essential text – 0478 099 905

COMMUNITY CULTURAL CONNECTIONS DAY
Tuesday 16th April, 11am to 2pm
Lawrence Memorial Park, Lawrence
Just turn up!

LASER SKIRMISH
Tuesday 16th April, 3pm to 5pm
Bailey Park, Ulmarra
Just turn up!

ART IN THE PARK
Wednesday 17th April, 10am to 2pm
Memorial Park, Grafton
Just turn up!

LASER SKIRMISH
Wednesday 17th April, 3pm to 5pm
Nip Welsh Park, Minnie Water
Just turn up!

LASER SKIRMISH
Thursday 18th April, 2pm to 4pm
Woombah Park, Woombah
Just turn up!

LIVE 'N' LOUD
Thursday 18th April, 5pm to 9:30pm
Grafton Library, Grafton
Just turn up!

WEARABLE ART WORKSHOP
Friday 19th April, 10am to 12noon
Glenreagh Hall, Glenreagh
Bookings essential text – 0414 284 150

**KICK FLIPS & TAIL WHIPS
Skate & Scooter Competition**
Friday 19th April, 11am to 3pm
Yamba Skate Park, Yamba
Registrations - <https://ow.ly/by3m50QWjkk>

**OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION
Art & Tunes**
Friday 19th April, 3:30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box, Yamba Skate Park, Yamba
Just turn up!

CLARENCE YOUTH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 12-18!

WEEK 2

3 X 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
Monday 22nd April, 10am to 2pm
PCYC, Grafton
Bookings essential - (02) 5622 4020

DROP-IN - MILKSHAKES & CAPTURE THE FLAG
Monday 22nd April, 3:30pm to 5pm
Coutts Crossing Skate Park, Coutts Crossing
Just turn up!

DRUMMING & PIZZA DAY
Monday 22nd April, 11am to 1:30pm
Headspace, Grafton
Bookings essential – 6642 1520

GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP
Monday 22nd April, 2pm to 4pm
Lawrence Memorial Park, Lawrence
Bookings essential text – 0423 134 173

WOODBURNING WORKSHOP
Tuesday 23rd April, 10am to 12noon
Nymboida Hall, Nymboida
Bookings essential text – 0475 428 003

GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP
Tuesday 23rd April, 2pm to 4pm
Copmanhurst Skate Park, Copmanhurst
Bookings essential text – 0423 134 173

FLOWER CROWN WORKSHOP
Wednesday 24th April, 10:30am to 12:30pm
Grafton Regional Gallery, Grafton
Bookings essential - <https://events.humanitix.com/make-a-flower-crown-workshop-for-youth>

SKATE & CREATE
Wednesday 24th April, 2:30pm to 5:30pm
Iluka Skate Park, Iluka
Just turn up!

**OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION
Arts & Tunes**
Wednesday 24th April, 3:30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box, Wherrett Park, Maclean
Just turn up!

SURF LESSONS
Friday 26th April, 9am to 12noon
Main Beach, Minnie Water
Bookings essential – 0447 693 863

**OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION
Games & Art**
Friday 26th April, 3:30pm to 5pm
Barnier Park, Junction Hill
Just turn up!

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.
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Ages 5-16

Wednesday 24th April 12:30-4:30pm
Grafton Art Club

Kids Art Workshop

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SKATE and Create

Learn to skate
Get creative

WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL – 2:30PM TO 5:30PM
ILUKA SKATE PARK
FREE BBQ

THIS IS DRUG, ALCOHOL AND VAPOR FREE EVENT. UNDER 12'S NEED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS CONTACT 0428 420 908 OR VISIT CLARENCE VALLEY YOUTH.

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