

## GRAFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 WEEK 11 - FRIDAY 12th APRIL 2024

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### **Upcoming Events**

Apr 25	Anzac Day
Apr 30	School Resumes for Term 2





### **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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

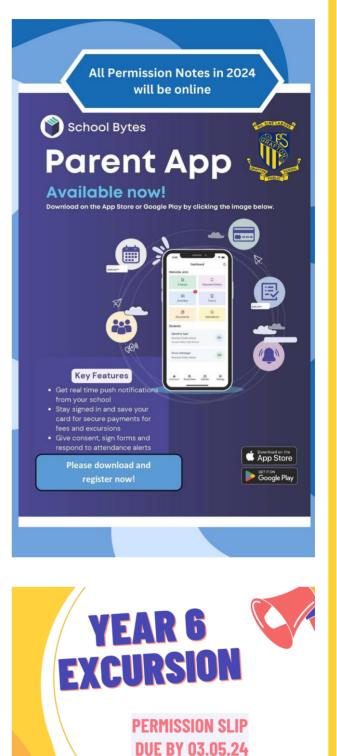
The march will move along Prince St to the Cenotaph at Memorial Park (river end of Prince St) where students will sit for the short ceremony. We ask that parents collect students at the conclusion of the service. It is advisable for students to have sun screen on and water available after the march as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

We hope to see you there!









PAYMENT DUE BY 21.06.24

### **Important Messages**



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

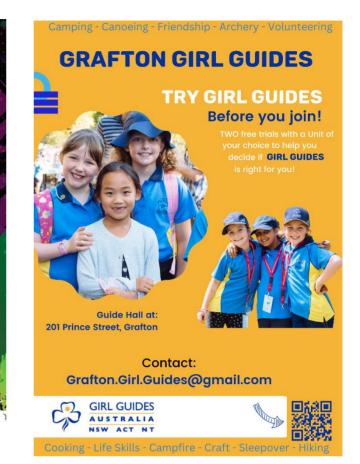
Please consider cashing in your cans and bottles and pledge the dollars to our GPS Performing Arts Programs. With your help, we hope to be able to give every child a chance to shine!

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 recylcing for you. A special bin and shute 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.











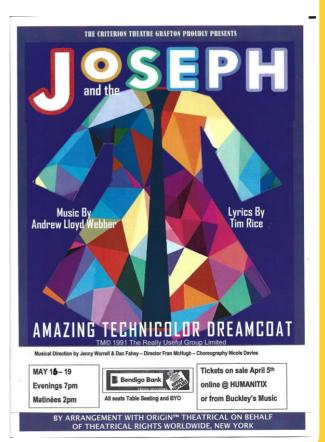




### Grafton Auskick Centre Ellem Oval Thursday - 4:00pm - 5:00pm Register NOW!



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



# 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





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

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

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

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

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

ART IN THE PARK Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 10am to 2pm Memorial Park, Grafton Just turn up! LASER SKIRMISH Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 3pm to 5pm Nip Welsh Park, Minnie Water Just turn up!

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

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

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

KICK FLIPS & TAIL WHIPS Skate & Scooter Competition Friday 19the April, 11am to 3pm Yamba Skate Park, Yamba Registrations - https://ow.lv/by3m50QWijkK

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

FLOWER CROWN WORKSHOP Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 10:30am to 12:30pm Grafton Regional Gallery, Grafton Bookings essential -

SKATE & CREATE Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2:30pm to 5:30pm Iluka Skate Park, Iluka Just turn uol

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

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

OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION Games & Art Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 3:30pm to 5pm Barnier Park, Junction Hill Just turn und

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