



TERM 4 WEEK 10 – FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2023



GRAFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Dates

Dec 15 - LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS



2024

Feb 1 - Year 1-6 Students return

Feb 6 - First day for Kindergarten
9:30am - 2:30pm



Wishing all of our
GPS families a
happy and safe
holiday season.

We look forward to
seeing all your
smiling faces back
in 2024!





Relieving Principal's Report

Dear parents and carers,

The last 2 weeks have been a blur with so many amazing events to cap off what has been an incredible year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing community for your ongoing support throughout the year. To those families who are moving on, I wish you the best of luck and thank you for being a part of the GPS family. We will miss you!

Our Presentation Day, held at the Saraton Theatre, served as a fantastic opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of our students. I take pride in the achievements of all our students this year, whether you received an award or not. You have all demonstrated growth, improvement, and maturity. On the day, I had great pleasure in announcing Zoe and Dominik as our new Captains, Lily and Jacob as Vice Captains and Tay, Harrison, Lincoln, Maddison, Zoe, Archer as our Prefects for 2024. Thank you to our 2023 leaders, Lennox, Aidan, Kayla, Zahlia, Connor, Henry, Sienna, Ashlyn and Elissa for everything you have done this year in leading by example and representing our school in community events.

On Wednesday, families received their child's written school report, providing insights into their achievements this semester. The comments and grades contained in the report aim to offer a comprehensive understanding of your child's progress and acts as a guide in supporting their future learning.

Last night Year 6 celebrated 7 years of Primary schooling at the annual Year 6 Farewell at the GDSC. The night was full of laughter and dancing! Thank you to everyone who helped make the night so special.

The annual GPS Infants Concert was a smash hit with our Infants students belting out some cracking Christmas songs and our junior and senior dance ensembles busting some serious moves. Our P&C also held a very successful Christmas raffle raising just under \$2000 which was drawn on the day. A big thank you to our fabulous P&C! You are amazing!

On Wednesday the GPS lower field was packed to capacity with the inaugural Student vs Teacher soccer match. This hotly contested match failed to disappoint with both teams putting everything on the line to get the victory. The end score was 5-3 in favour of the teachers. Thanks to everyone who participated. Better luck next year students!

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the teaching staff, our SLSOs, SASS staff and GA. We are extremely fortunate to have an exceptional team of teachers, executive staff, and support staff. The teamwork, passion, and drive to support our students never ceases to amaze me. I witness the long hours you put in and the profound level of care and commitment to supporting our students and their families.

Stay safe and we will see you back at school in 2024.

All the best,
Nick Campbell
Relieving Principal





2024 School Captains

Congratulations to our 2024 School Captains Zoe & Dominik and Vice Captains Lily & Jacob



The kids at GPS are amazing and incredibly caring. In three days over 400 'Gift-a-bike' tickets were filled in by students who wanted a friend to win a bike. It was a shame that only one bike was able to be given. Bonnie nominated her friend Georgie to win the bike. Next year there will be more opportunities like this for GPS kids to show their selflessness.



History was made when the Overall Champion Sporting House Shield was presented this week. The shield was presented to the captains of Lipman, a surprise as Lipman had not won any of the carnivals this year. Despite this, Lipman had performed consistently across all three carnivals, accruing enough points to pip Notaras by two points in the end. Congratulations Lipman.





Presentation Day

Congratulations to all our Award winners from our 2023 Presentation Day!





Infants Christmas Concert

Last week our Infants students put on an amazing Christmas Concert for their family and friends. Well done everyone!



COMMUNITY NOTICES

2023 SUMMER VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Monday 18 December to Wednesday 31 January

Before School, After School & Vacation Care for the North Coast



CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 0466 306 220 or 6658 9757

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"In a world gone mad with rules & regulations, we help kids be kids"

HOURS OF OPERATION

7.00am – 6.00pm

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

During School Holidays & Pupil Free days

On all excursion days children are required to be at the centre no later than 8:45am and will return by approx. 4:00pm.

Transportation is provided in our bus or van depending on bookings.

Risk Assessments available upon request.

"WHAT TO BRING EVERYDAY"

All Children are required to bring a hat, water bottle, sunscreen, appropriate footwear and healthy lunch / snacks.

In winter warm clothes and socks are required each day.

In summer swimmers, sun/rash shirts, swim aids (if required), towel and plastic bag are required each day. Personal electronic devices are prohibited.

Please label all clothes. Spending money is optional!

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR VACATION CARE

To book please scan the QR code to be taken directly to our vacation care bookings area where you then select the centre you need and complete the form. Alternatively, go to our website at www.communityoosh.com.au and click the purple box titled "Vacation Care Bookings & Program"



VACATION CARE BOOKINGS CANNOT BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE OR BY TEXT MESSAGE. OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO BOOKINGS BEING ACCEPTED.

Your booking requests will be confirmed by email. Please check that you receive the confirmation from us within 2 working days of submitting. The minimum notice required to cancel a Vacation Care booking where no charge will apply is 2 weeks notice. Please note that weekends and Public Holidays are Non Working Days. All bookings not cancelled by this time will be charged at full fee.

FEES: Depending on the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) and activity hours a parent is entitled too, the out of pocket costs to parents can range from a few dollars to the full rate shown below. To find out more about the Child Care Subsidy please visit at <https://www.education.gov.au/ChildCarePackage>. The table below shows the full fee with no Child Care Subsidy along with an example of the out of pocket expense where the highest rate of Child Care Subsidy is applied.

Your fee will vary depending on your own CCS rate and activity hours you receive. Unlike some providers, Community OOSH Services strive to put you and your children first, providing the highest quality care for the lowest possible price. Please note excursions are at an additional cost and vary depending on the excursion. The cost on each excursion are shown on the next page and these costs will have your CCS % applied to substantially reduce excursion costs.

2023 Fee Structure at Full Rate before the application of any CCS %		Example of Approximate out of pocket expenses at 85% CCS	
Vacation Care	\$68	Vacation Care	\$10.20
Sample Additional Excursion Cost	\$16	Sample Excursion CCS Applied	\$2.40

Mon 18 Dec IN CENTRE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS - The 2024 edition is about to be released and it's not too late to put you in it! Whether it's the biggest, tallest, longest, strongest or most disgusting, today you can break down all the barriers and show us the whacky, weird and wonderful hidden talents that make you... YOU! 	Tues 19 Dec - EXCURSION + \$16 MOVIES - "TROLLS: BAND TOGETHER" Poppy & Branch try to put the Troll "Boy Band" back together in a world of musical mayhem! THEN we'll head off for a picnic and a swim at the local reserve. (includes drink/popcorn deal) 	Wed 20 Dec - IN CENTRE H2O = WATER - It makes up 60% of your body weight. It also covers about 71% of the earth's surface. Fish pooh in it. We drink and play in it! Wet & wild fun with water pistols & bombs, slip & slides, giant bubbles, wet feeling & more! 	Thurs 21 Dec - EXCURSION + \$11 COFFS POOL - We're off to the Coffs pool today to soak up the sun! Will you conquer "the Buccaneer"? It's our ultimate water toy! So come along for a glorious day of wet and wild fun as we swim, splash and play! 	Fri 22 Dec - IN CENTRE CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN! - Three more sleeps! Santa is packing his sleigh harnessing the reindeers ready for take-off! We've got last-minute preparations of Christmas gifts and crafts to make, cooking to do & hilarious games to play before he comes!
Mon 25 Dec - PUBLIC HOLIDAY MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY HOLIDAY! CENTRE CLOSED 	Tues 26 Dec - PUBLIC HOLIDAY BOXING DAY HAPPY HOLIDAY! CENTRE CLOSED 	Wed 27 Dec EXCURSION + \$6 MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR A fantastic day of fun awaits with a rolling scavenger hunt, prizes and hot chip sandwiches for lunch! I'd tell you where we are going, except I don't know myself!!! 	Thurs 28 Dec EXCURSION + \$11 COFFS POOL We're off to the Coffs pool today to soak up the sun! Will you conquer "the Buccaneer"? It's our ultimate water toy! So come along for a glorious day of wet and wild fun as we swim, splash and play! 	Fri 29 Dec IN CENTRE - NEW YEARS EVE PAJAMA PARTY!! 2023 is almost over, so it's out with the old and in with the new! Get ready to party hard & celebrate the approach of a bigger, better and brighter 2024!!! Loads of dancing, prizes, party games and fun!!!
Mon 1 Jan - PUBLIC HOLIDAY NEW YEARS DAY HAPPY HOLIDAY CENTRES CLOSED 	Tues 2 Jan IN CENTRE GOTCHA! We've got a bunch of new tricks and pranks (as well as some old favourites) to learn that will drive everyone nuts!!! And YES! The "Belch Fire Bottom Blaster Mach III" is back! (we know the last one got confiscated!) 	Wed 3 Jan - EXCURSION + \$16 JETTY CARNIVAL - They're here! Every year we anxiously await the arrival of the Jetty Carnival because it is opening in the afternoon JUST FOR US!!! By far and away our best "value for money excursion of the year and a ton of fun to boot!" 	Thurs 4 Jan IN CENTRE S.A.S "Who Dares Wins!" It's the motto of the elite Special Air Service! who turn "lounge lizards into elite athletes" and "couch potatoes into Consummate Professionals!" Their sights are on you today! Are you up for the challenge! 	Fri 5 Jan - EXCURSION + \$15 BOGIES AND BIRDIES - Tee up some fun at the Coffs Golf Range where you'll chip, putt, and drive your way to fun. After you retire the clubs, I'll also cool off today with a splash & a play at the Jetty Foreshores.
Mon 8 Jan - IN CENTRE PLAYGROUND OF THE GODS - the weird and wonderful characters of GREEK, ROMAN and NORSE mythology come to life today as we explore a world of monsters, myths and legend! Bring your PERCY JACKSON powers today, you're gonna need 'em! 	Tues 9 Jan - EXCURSION + \$16 THE RAINFOREST RATTLER TRAIN RIDE - A unique chance to step back in time today to 1923 for some "rockin', rollin', ridin'" good old-fashioned fun! A train ride through the Coffs hinterland and a picnic lunch and a splash & swim at the reserve is a great day out! 	Wed 10 Jan EXCURSION + \$16 SURF SCHOOL - Learn how to Hang 5, 10 & even 20 (if you're really clever!) Essential skills for the Australian lifestyle! Learn from the professionals while having fun. Add in a picnic lunch, beach games, sand modelling and a lazy swim! Life's tough! 	Thurs 11 Jan - IN CENTRE ROTTEN RHYMES - Ok, so you think you're too big for that rubbish, but I'll tell you in on a little secret! Humpty Dumpty didn't fall off that wall! He was pushed! A crazy day of fun & games as we forensically investigate your favourite nursery rhymes! 	Fri 12 Jan EXCURSION + \$16 SPRING LOADED - Become a human "superball" today and go bouncing off the floor, walls and ceiling with your friends! Afterwards, we'll have a swim, splash & a play and enjoy a picnic at the reserve. (Please wear active clothes and socks today)
Mon 15 Jan EXCURSION + \$16 SHERWOOD INDOOR ARCHERY CENTRE There's nothing better than being allowed to play with the dangerous stuff that your parents never let you touch! It's GREAT FUN!!! Channel your inner ROBIN HOOD today and fire away! 	Tues 16 Jan - EXCURSION + \$16 CARNIVAL CAPERS - Don't miss the LAST CHANCE to enjoy "all the fun of the fair" at the Jetty Carnival! We just love this amazing, "value for money" day of fun! We'll also cool off today with a splash & a play at the Jetty Foreshores. 	Wed 17 Jan INCURSION + \$11 MULLAWAY CREATIVE WORKSHOP By popular demand JIMMY WAGS and TULLI STEVENS are back to ignite your own artistic flair by teaching you the tricks of the trade! Then all you've got to do to be famous is grow old and cut your ear off! 	Thurs 18 Jan - EXCURSION + \$16 JETTY THEATRE LIVE SHOW Experience the magic of live theatre today as we immerse ourselves in the magic of SPRITEFIRE and the power of kindness! THEN it's off for a picnic and splash at the foreshores to top off a great day of fun! 	Fri 19 Jan - INCURSION + \$6 BALANCING MAN - A visiting performance from "The Balancing Man" will wow us with his gravity defying moves! Then we'll join his variety of balancing workshops to learn skills and tricks of the trade to help your concentration and self-belief.
Mon 22 Jan - IN CENTRE THE BIG BLUE YONDER! - 96.5% of all the Earth's water is in our oceans, which cover 71% of the Earth's surface! Australia is totally surrounded by water! In a great day of Ocean themed fun, you'd better be on guard today!! I think something fishy is going on at OOSH! 	Tues 23 Jan EXCURSION + \$16 BIG BANANAWATER PARK - Summer sliding fun awaits at our favourite Big Banana Water slides!!! (Optional \$2 lolly bags available!) After that we'll head off for a picnic at the beach reserve to top off a great day of fun! 	Wed 24 Jan - EXCURSION + \$16 MOVIES - "WISH" In its 100th year Disney gives us another classic heroine in the form of young Asha, who wishes upon a star to save the Kingdom of Rosas! THEN we'll head off for a picnic and a swim at the local reserve. (popcorn/drink deal included) 	Thurs 25 Jan - IN CENTRE "I STILL CALL AUSTRALIA HOME!" "We are one, but we are many and from all the lands on earth we've come, we share a dream and sing with one voice. I am, you are, we are Australian!" Let's celebrate with a day of fun, games & a snag on the Barbie! 	Fri 26 Jan - PUBLIC HOLIDAY "AUSTRALIA DAY" HAPPY HOLIDAY! CENTRE CLOSED
Mon 29 Jan IN CENTRE WHEN I GET BIG! It's back to school this week to get an education so you can be whatever you want to be! It's never too early to start planning for the future!!! Butcher, Baker, Candlestick Maker or Rocket Scientist, today we'll have fun with the jobs of now and the future! 	Tues 30 Jan EXCURSION + \$5 ILUKA RESERVE PICNIC School starts in a couple of days and it's the last chance to do everything, and more importantly, NOTHING! A lazy day of fun in the sun with a splash & swim, party games and a hot chip sandwich & ice cream. 	Wed 31 Jan - EXCURSION + \$11 COFFS POOL - We're off to the Coffs pool today to soak up the sun! Will you conquer "the Buccaneer"? It's our ultimate water toy! So come along for a glorious day of wet and wild fun as we swim, splash and play! 	GRAFTON SUMMER 2023 PROGRAM WHAT TO BRING EVERY DAY - It is going to be a long hot summer so please ensure that your child has appropriate sun safe clothing. Pack swimmers and a towel every day as we try to have water play most days. Remember, these are often longer days than school days so pack plenty to eat for lunch and morning, & afternoon tea. Finally, NO PHONES or PHONE WATCHES! All our lives are better off without them! 	

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CLARENCE YOUTH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 12-18!

WEEK 1

LASER SKIRMISH
Tuesday 2nd January, 4pm to 6pm
Barrier Park, Junction Hill
Just turn up!

LASER SKIRMISH
Wednesday 3rd January, 4pm to 6pm
Shannon park, Glenreagh
Just turn up!

OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION
Surfboard Art & Games
Wednesday 3rd January, 3:30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box, Wherrett Park, Maclean
Just turn up!

WHERE ARE WE WEDNESDAY DROP-IN
Impaired Driving Simulation
Wednesday 3rd January, 3:30pm to 5pm
Grafton Skate Park, Grafton
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

SURF LESSONS
Thursday 4th January, 9am to 12noon
Main Beach, Yamba
Bookings essential – 0447 693 863

LASER SKIRMISH
Thursday 4th January, 4pm to 6pm
Copmanhurst Skate Park, Copmanhurst
Just turn up!

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

SURF LESSONS
Friday 5th January, 9am to 12noon
Main Beach, Brooms Head
Bookings essential – 0447 693 863

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WEEK 2

YOUTH DROP-IN
Milkshakes & Hotdogs
Monday 8th January, 3:30pm to 5pm
Coutts Crossing Skate Park, Coutts Crossing
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

WEARABLE ART WORKSHOP
Tuesday 9th January, 10am to 12noon
Lawrence Hall, Lawrence
Bookings essential – Text 0414 284 150

WHERE ARE WE WEDNESDAY DROP-IN
Impaired Driving Simulation
Wednesday 10th January, 3:30pm to 5pm
Iluka Skate Park, Iluka
Just turn up!

OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION
Nature Art & Walk
Wednesday 10th January, 3:30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box, Wherrett Park, Maclean
Just turn up!

SURF LESSONS
Thursday 11th January, 9am to 12noon
Main Beach, Minnie Water
Bookings essential – 0447 693 863

OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION
Nature Art & Walk
Friday 12th January, 3:30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box, Yamba Skate Park, Yamba
Just turn up!

WOODBURNING WORKSHOP
Friday 12th January, 10am to 12noon
Brooms Head Hall, Brooms Head
Bookings essential – dkbreck@hotmail.com

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WEEK 3

YOUTH DROP-IN
Canvas & Sand Art
Monday 15th January, 3:30pm to 5pm
Coutts Crossing Skate Park, Coutts Crossing
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP
Tuesday 16th January, 4pm to 6pm
Townsend Park, Townsend
Bookings essential – Text 0423 134 173

WEARABLE ART WORKSHOP
Wednesday 17th January, 10:30am to 12:30pm
Grafton Regional Gallery, Grafton
Bookings essential – <https://events.humanitix.com/wearable-art-for-youth>

WHERE ARE WE WEDNESDAY DROP-IN
Impaired Driving Simulation
Wednesday 17th January, 3:30pm to 5pm
Yamba Skate Park, Yamba
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION
Fitkidz Training
Wednesday 17th January, 3:30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box, Wherrett Park, Maclean
Just turn up!

COMMUNITY CULTURAL CONNECTIONS EVENT
Thursday 18th January, 11am to 1pm
Wooli Skate Park, Wooli
Just turn up!

GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP & MOBILE LIBRARY
Thursday 18th January, 3pm to 5pm
Tucabia Fire Shed, Tucabia
Bookings essential – Text 0423 134 173

OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION
Fitkidz Training
Friday 19th January, 3:30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box, Yamba Skate Park, Yamba
Just turn up!

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WEEK 4

YOUTH DROP-IN
Tie Dye
Monday 22nd January, 3:30pm to 5pm
Coutts Crossing Skate Park, Coutts Crossing
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP
Monday 22nd January, 4pm to 6pm
Iluka Skate Park, Iluka
Bookings essential – Text 0423 134 173

MINDFULNESS ART
Tuesday 23rd January, 3pm to 5pm
Headspace Grafton
Bookings essential – 6642 1520

WHERE ARE WE WEDNESDAY DROP-IN
Impaired Driving Simulation
Wednesday 24th January, 3:30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box, Wherrett Park, Maclean
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

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

ART WITH JIMMY WAGS
Thursday 25th January, 3pm to 5pm
Bailey Park, Ulmarra
Just turn up!

LASER SKIRMISH & MOBILE LIBRARY
Thursday 25th January, 3:30pm to 5:30pm
Lawrence Memorial Park, Lawrence
Just turn up!

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