



TERM 4 WEEK 8 – FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2023

# GRAFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Dates

Dec 5 - Year 2 Swim School

Dec 5 - Support Unit Inclusive  
Multi Sports Day

Dec 7 - Presentation Day

Dec 8 - Infants Christmas Concert

Dec 11 - K-5 Movie Day - Saraton  
Theatre

Dec 12 - Year 6 Big Banana Fun  
Day

Dec 13 - Green Level Rewards -  
Infants and Primary

Dec 14 - Year 6 Farewell

Dec 15 - LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS



The end of Term 4 is always a busy time of year, both at school and at home for our GPS families.

Please keep an eye on our Newsletter, Facebook and SeeSaw to stay up to date with what is happening around the school.





## Relieving Principal's Report

Dear parents and carers,

It is no secret that we have some of the best staff and students in NSW (absolutely no bias whatsoever) and this was highlighted over the past 2 weeks by the NSW Department of Education.

### DCO Award

Our very own Mrs McPhillips was honoured with the Digital Classroom Officer (DCO), Community of Practice Award last week in Sydney. This recognition is a testament to her outstanding dedication and innovative contributions to establishing a Community of Practice within the Clarence Valley. Mrs McPhillips' commitment to supporting our staff and local public schools has had a significant impact on classroom teacher practice and student outcomes. Congratulations, Mrs McPhillips!

### Nanga Mai Award

Two of our very talented students, Lennox and Maisie, have been awarded the prestigious Nanga Mai Award in the area of Creative Arts. Out of 70 000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who attend NSW public schools, Lennox and Maisie were 2 of 15 students who received a Nanga Mai award. These awards were presented to the students by the NSW Deputy Premier Prue Carr, Secretary for the Department of Education Murat Dizdar and the NSW Minister for Aboriginal Affairs David Harris for their outstanding achievements in art, music, dance and Culture. Further to this Lennox showcased his remarkable skills as a featured artist at the NSW School Spectacular, where he participated in the Acknowledgment of Country with his Yidaki and solo danced on stage in front of a packed crowd of over 20 000 people. This will be aired on Channel 7 on the 7th December at 7:00pm. Be sure to tune in! Well done, Lennox and Maisie!

### 2024 Student Leadership Team

This week some of our Year 5 students have stepped forward to nominate themselves for leadership roles (Captain, Vice-Captain and Prefects) within our school for 2024. I had the opportunity to listen to their speeches and was impressed with the ideas and commitments they were sharing with their peers and staff and the reasons why they should be elected into the leadership team. It was also pleasing to see such a high number of students in Year 5 vying for these important positions. Students will be told today if they were successful in attaining a position on the leadership team for 2024. For those who are unsuccessful please remember there will be other opportunities early next year to be a leader at our school including House Captains, Library Monitors, Aboriginal Student Council just to name a few. You should all be proud of putting your hand up as it is no easy feat! Our School Captains and Vice Captains for 2024 will be announced at Presentation day.

Only 2 weeks remain of this amazing school year and we are going out with a bang with our Presentation Day, Infants Christmas Concert, Year 6 Farewell, Green Level Reward/Movie Day and sending our yearly student reports. Last day for students is Friday 15th December.

All the best,  
Nick Campbell  
Relieving Principal





# Let's Hear It For The Kids!

**Name:** Lucy  
**Class:** K/1EH



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

**Favourite thing to do on  
the weekend:** Going in my  
pool

**If you could be anything  
in the world what would  
you be?:** A worker at the  
Council

**Name:** Havarli  
**Class:** 1SW



**Favourite part of school:**  
Maths

**Favourite thing to do on  
the weekend:** Going to  
Wooli

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



## Congratulations Lennox and Maisie!



Lennox Monaghan

## Lennox heads top talent stakes

**Emily Kowal**

Meet 12-year-old Lennox Monaghan – school captain. Brilliant didgeridoo player. Winner of a prestigious outstanding achievement award for Aboriginal students. Oh, and movie star.

The Year 6 student from Grafton has cemented his future in the lights after landing a leading role alongside Jessica Mauboy in the upcoming film

Wind Catcher. The self-described proud Bundjalung boy had no acting experience until 18 months ago. Fast forward to today, and he is an accomplished child actor and calls Jess Mauboy 'aunty.'

This commitment to culture and acting has snagged him one of the highest awards a student can receive. He and his sister Maisie Monaghan, aged 8, are receiving a NSW Department of Education Nanga

Mai award for 'Outstanding achievement in the performing, creative arts or visual arts award' – presented on Monday at a ceremony in Sydney.

For mum, Bianca, her children's creative talents come down to one thing – culture.

"Kids who grow up with their culture always have the confidence to go on a journey and do whatever they want to. They are grounded and confident with who they are."







## Year 6 Sustainable House Projects

Our Year 6 students have been busy working on their Sustainable House Projects which are all looking fantastic!



## Congratulations!

Congratulations to one of our teachers, Mrs Kimberley McPhillips who last week was recognised by the NSW Department of Education Rural Access Gap program for her role as Digital Classroom Officer. Mrs McPhillips travelled to Sydney to do a presentation at the DCO Forum which is a huge achievement and we are lucky to have her as part of our school!

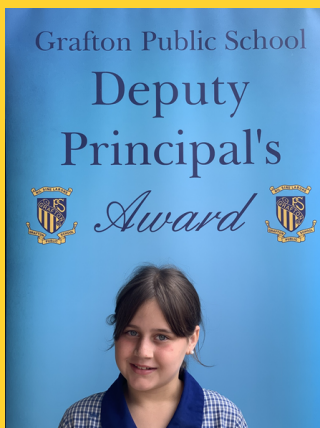






# Week 8 Badge Ceremony

Congratulations to all our Award winners from this week's Badge Ceremony!





# P&C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



GRAFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL  
P&C

## CHRISTMAS Raffle

FUNRAISIER RAFFLE

\$1 Tickets  
Fantastic range of prizes to be won  
Drawn 8th of December  
Don't forget to let family and friends know

<https://www.raffletix.com.au/graftonps2023>



## RAFFLE TIX

QR Code



## PRIZES

1st Prize - Family Fun Day Out in Coffs Harbour  
2nd Prize - Christmas Vouchers to the value of \$250  
3rd Prize - Dining Out in Grafton Pack  
4th Prize - Cathy's Christmas Cake  
5th Prize - Pamper Pack  
6th Prize - Active Sports Pack  
7th Prize - Crafting Creative Pack  
8th Prize - Homewares Pack



## 1st Prize

### FAMILY FUN DAY OUT

Family Passes to  
Big Banana Water Park and  
Coffs Coast Wildlife Sanctuary





## 2nd Prize

### CHRISTMAS VOUCHERS

Vouchers to the value of \$250




## 3rd Prize

### DINING OUT IN GRAFTON PACK

Grafton District Services Club Butcher \$75  
Village Green \$50  
ESP Coffee - 20 coffees  
Sweet Temptations Candy Box








## 4th Prize

### CHRISTMAS CAKE

Cathy's Cakes



Christmas Cake  
image to come



## 5th Prize

### PAMPER PACK

Nails by Carissa Beauty Bliss Voucher  
Tranquil Beauty - \$20 Voucher  
Red Hot Hair Shampoo Pack  
Prince St Barbers Haircut  
Gorgeous by Carly - earrings







## 6th Prize

### ACTIVE SPORT PACK

Sportspower Summer Fun pack  
Jetts Gym - 1 month membership & gym pack





## 7th Prize

### CRAFTING CREATIVE PACK

Crazy Confetti Hamper  
Rec's Wedding & Craft Creations -  
Voucher and pamper box





## 8th Prize

### HOMEWARES PACK

B & T Mower world & Freeman Family - Electric Pressure Washer,  
placemats, art work; reversible Christmas stockings & tree skirt  
Brewhouse Carwash - 5 combi washes  
Southside Newsagency - clock, books, magazines  
Michelle in Knotz - Wall hanging  
Bees Gift Shop - \$20 Voucher  
Wear Family - Limited edition rainbow castily phone strap















# 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

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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](http://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

<b>Mon 18 Dec</b> <b>IN CENTRE</b> 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! 	<b>Tues 19 Dec - EXCURSION + \$16</b> <b>MOVIES - "TROLLS: BAND TOGETHER"</b> 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) 	<b>Wed 20 Dec - IN CENTRE</b> <b>H2O = WATER</b> - It makes up 60% of your body weight. It also covers about 71% of the earth's surface. Fish pool in it. We drink and play in it! Wet & wild fun with water pistols & bombs, slip & slides, giant bubbles, wet feeling & more! 	<b>Thurs 21 Dec - EXCURSION + \$11</b> <b>COFFS POOL</b> - 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! 	<b>Fri 22 Dec - IN CENTRE</b> <b>CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN!</b> - 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! 
<b>Mon 25 Dec - PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>  <b>HAPPY HOLIDAY!</b>  <b>CENTRE CLOSED</b> 	<b>Tues 26 Dec - PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> <b>BOXING DAY</b>  <b>HAPPY HOLIDAY!</b>  <b>CENTRE CLOSED</b> 	<b>Wed 27 Dec</b> <b>EXCURSION + \$6 MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR</b> 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!!!! 	<b>Thurs 28 Dec</b> <b>EXCURSION + \$11 COFFS POOL</b> 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! 	<b>Fri 29 Dec</b> <b>IN CENTRE - NEW YEARS EVE PAJAMA PARTY!!</b> 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!!! 
<b>Mon 1 Jan - PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> <b>NEW YEARS DAY</b>  <b>HAPPY HOLIDAY</b>  <b>CENTRES CLOSED</b> 	<b>Tues 2 Jan</b> <b>IN CENTRE</b> <b>GOTCHA!</b> 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!) 	<b>Wed 3 Jan - EXCURSION + \$16</b> <b>JETTY CARNIVAL</b> - 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!" 	<b>Thurs 4 Jan</b> <b>IN CENTRE</b> <b>S.A.S "Who Dares Wins!"</b> 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! 	<b>Fri 5 Jan - EXCURSION + \$15</b> <b>BOGIES AND BIRDIES</b> - 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, we'll also cool off today with a splash & a play at the Jetty Foreshores. 
<b>Mon 8 Jan - IN CENTRE</b> <b>PLAYGROUND OF THE GODS</b> - 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! 	<b>Tues 9 Jan - EXCURSION + \$16</b> <b>THE RAINFOREST RATTLES TRAIN RIDE</b> - 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! 	<b>Wed 10 Jan</b> <b>EXCURSION + \$16</b> <b>SURF SCHOOL</b> - 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! 	<b>Thurs 11 Jan - IN CENTRE</b> <b>ROTTEN RHYMES</b> - Ok, so you think you're too big for that rubbish, but I'll let 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! 	<b>Fri 12 Jan</b> <b>EXCURSION + \$16</b> <b>SPRING LOADED</b> - 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) 
<b>Mon 15 Jan</b> <b>EXCURSION + \$16</b> <b>SHERWOOD INDOOR ARCHERY CENTRE</b> 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! 	<b>Tues 16 Jan - EXCURSION + \$16</b> <b>CARNIVAL CAPERS</b> - 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. 	<b>Wed 17 Jan</b> <b>INCURSION + \$11</b> <b>MULLAWAY CREATIVE WORKSHOP</b> 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! 	<b>Thurs 18 Jan - EXCURSION + \$16</b> <b>JETTY THEATRE LIVE SHOW</b> 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! 	<b>Fri 19 Jan - INCURSION + \$6</b> <b>BALANCING MAN</b> - 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. 
<b>Mon 22 Jan - IN CENTRE</b> <b>THE BIG BLUE YONDER!</b> - 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! 	<b>Tues 23 Jan</b> <b>EXCURSION + \$16</b> <b>BIG BANANAWATER PARK</b> - 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! 	<b>Wed 24 Jan - EXCURSION + \$16</b> <b>MOVIES - "WISH"</b> 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) 	<b>Thurs 25 Jan - IN CENTRE</b> <b>"I STILL CALL AUSTRALIA HOME!"</b> "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! 	<b>Fri 26 Jan - PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> <b>"AUSTRALIA DAY"</b>  <b>HAPPY HOLIDAY!</b>  <b>CENTRE CLOSED</b> 
<b>Mon 29 Jan</b> <b>IN CENTRE</b> <b>WHEN I GET BIG!</b> 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! 	<b>Tues 30 Jan</b> <b>EXCURSION + \$5</b> <b>ILUKA RESERVE PICNIC</b> 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. 	<b>Wed 31 Jan - EXCURSION + \$11</b> <b>COFFS POOL</b> - 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! 	<b>GRAFTON SUMMER 2023 PROGRAM</b> <b>WHAT TO BRING EVERY DAY</b> - 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



**LUKE GOUGH**  
GUITAR



**SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER**  
3:00PM  
CLARENCE VALLEY CONSERVATORIUM  
8 VILLIERS STREET, GRAFTON  
ADULT: \$20 CONC: \$15 CHILD: \$10

FOR BOOKINGS VISIT [WWW.CVCON.NSW.EDU.AU](http://WWW.CVCON.NSW.EDU.AU) OR PHONE 6643 3555



CVCon ensembles present

**CHRISTMAS  
AT THE CON**

6:00PM  
MONDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2023  
Moran Auditorium, Clarence Valley Conservatorium  
Adults: \$10, Children: Free

Tickets are available at [www.cvcon.nsw.edu.au](http://www.cvcon.nsw.edu.au)



**GRAFTON TIGERS  
AFL CLUB**

*Join us in 2024*

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

**Season starts April 2024**

**Training:**  
Start date TBC (March 2024)  
Tuesday and Thursday  
5pm—6 pm

**Location:** Ellem Oval, Prince Street, Grafton

**Game Day:** Sunday

***Come and give it a go!***




For more information:  
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