



GRAFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 WEEK 10 – FRIDAY 5th JULY 2024

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Upcoming Events

Term 3 July 23 rd	First Day Back for Students
July 23 rd	Infants Athletics Carnival
Aug 7	GPS Concert Night

INFANTS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

K - 2 | PRIMARY CAMPUS OVAL | 9AM

ON TUESDAY 23RD JULY, K-2 WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN OUR INFANTS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL. THIS WILL BE HELD ON THE PRIMARY CAMPUS. STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO WEAR COLOURS REPRESENTING THE SPORTING HOUSE THEY BELONG TO.



**23RD
JULY**



PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND ARE ASKED TO ENTER AND EXIT THE SCHOOL GROUNDS THROUGH THE MARY STREET GATE NEAR THE SCHOOL CROSSING. THE AGE RACES WILL BEGIN AT APPROXIMATELY 9:30AM.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



School Resumes for Students
Tuesday 23rd July

Relieving Principal's Report

Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Our Year 6 students return today from their exciting (and extremely cold) excursion to Canberra, and what a memorable experience it was! The students had an incredible time exploring our nation's capital, visiting Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, and Questacon. They were particularly thrilled by the hands-on exhibits and the opportunity to learn about Australia's history and governance firsthand.

Student Reports

As we conclude Term 2, we have distributed student reports. These reports provide a comprehensive overview of your child's progress and achievements this term. We encourage you to review these reports with your child, celebrate their successes and discuss areas for improvement. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher to arrange a meeting next term.

Outlook for Term 3

Term 3 promises to be equally vibrant and filled with exciting events. Here is a sneak peek at what we have planned:

Education Week will kick off in Week 3, celebrating the importance of education. We will have open classrooms, inviting parents and community members to see our students in action and participate in various activities.

Our much-anticipated School Concert is scheduled for 7th August. This year's theme is "Made in Australia," and our students have been working hard on their performances. From dance to drama, every student will have an opportunity to contribute to what promises to be a spectacular show. Tickets will not be available until the beginning of next term. We encourage all families to join us for an evening of entertainment and fun.

GPS will celebrate Book Week with our annual Book Character Parade. Students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book characters. This is a wonderful opportunity to foster a love of reading and celebrate the imaginative worlds that books open up for us. Start planning your costumes now!

Grandparents Day is special occasion for our students to welcome their grandparents or special friends to school. It's a day for sharing stories, showing off classrooms, and enjoying a special morning tea. We look forward to celebrating the important role grandparents play in our students' lives.

The Performing Arts Tour will take place in Week 9. It always provides amazing experiences for our students, allowing them to visit a capital city and perform in a range of places and venues.

These events are just some of the many opportunities we will be providing our students! We are looking forward to positive and productive Term 3. Your continued support and involvement in school activities make a tremendous difference, and we are grateful for your partnership in our students' educational journey.

Thanks and see you next term,

Nick Campbell
R/Principal
Grafton Public School

Important Messages



Grafton Public School



Kindergarten Transition Program 2024



School Tour and Information Session

For parents of children starting school in 2025 at
GRAFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL.
Monday 9th 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

Wednesday 25th September
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
2025. 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 23rd October
Wednesday 30th October
Wednesday 6th November
Wednesday 13th November
Wednesday 20th November

Important Messages



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



Otitis Media Awareness Day

FREE

Ear health checks for
children

No appointment necessary

July 16th

Free services on the day include:

- Information on Otitis Media (middle ear infections).
- Ear health checks for children.
- Information and resource pack.



Grafton Shoppingworld 9am-4pm

This event is initiated by the NSW Department of Education in conjunction with NSW Community Health Grafton and Maclean and Bulgarr Ngaru Aboriginal Medical Service.



Education



Bulgarr Ngaru
Medical Aboriginal Corporation



Health

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Whooping Cough



1

IDENTIFY

Anyone can get whooping cough but it can be deadly for babies

- Babies and young children can stop breathing or develop severe coughing bouts that end with vomiting or gasping for breath.
- People of all ages can get whooping cough and can spread it to babies.
- Adults often just have a mild cough that lingers.



2

PROTECT

Immunise your baby on time to get the best protection

- Pregnant women should get vaccinated in the third trimester (preferably at 28 weeks).
- Get your baby vaccinated on time at 6 weeks, 4 months and 6 months of age.
- Booster vaccines for children and adults stop whooping cough spreading.



3

PREVENT

Whooping cough spreads quickly when people cough in the early stages of the infection

- If you have symptoms, see a doctor fast and get tested.
- Stay home until you are no longer infectious. Ask your doctor when it's safe to return to work, school or childcare.
- Keep anyone with a cough away from your newborn especially until your baby has had 3 whooping cough vaccines.

SHPN (CHP) 150328

For further information visit the NSW Health website
www.health.nsw.gov.au/pertussis



Health

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Australia's Largest Inflatable Obstacle Course!

GIGANTIC TODDLER PLAYGROUND
NINJA WALL
WRECKING BALL
MECHANICAL SURFBOARD
SUPERSLIDE
MEET THE JESTER
FOOD TRUCKS
SIDESHOW ALLEY



Lismore
13th - 15th
July

Grafton
19th - 21st
July

Get ready for the ultimate school holiday adventure!

Australia's Biggest Inflatable Obstacle Course is coming to Lismore and Grafton this July. Book now before tickets sell out!

Lismore

<https://www.trybooking.com/CSRQU>

Grafton

<https://www.trybooking.com/CSRRO>

For more information head to www.airheads.net.au

CLARENCE YOUTH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 12-18!

WEEK 1

DROP-IN - TOASTIES & TIE DYE
Monday 8th July, 3:30pm to 5pm
Courtts Crossing Skate Park, Courtts Crossing
Just turn up!

LASER SKIRMISH
Monday 8th July, 3pm to 5pm
Iluka Skate Park, Iluka
Just turn up!

FLOWER CROWN WORKSHOP
Tuesday 9th July, 2pm to 4pm
Lawrence Hall, Lawrence
Bookings essential text - 0478 099 905

LASER SKIRMISH
Tuesday 9th July, 3pm to 5pm
Tucabia Rural Fire Station, Tucabia
Just turn up!

LOWER CLARENCE NAIDOC COMMUNITY DAY
Wednesday 10th July, 10am to 2pm
Maclean Showground, Maclean
Just turn up!

DROP-IN & TIE DYE WORKSHOP
Wednesday 10th July, 11am to 1pm
Changing Lanes Shed, Through Street, South Grafton
Just turn up!

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

NAIDOC FAMILY FUN DAY
Thursday 11th July, 10am to 2pm
McKittick Park, South Grafton
Just turn up!

WEARABLE ART WORKSHOP
Friday 12th July, 10am to 12noon
Nymboida Hall, Nymboida
Bookings essential text - 0414 284 150

FLOWER CROWN WORKSHOP
Friday 12th July, 2pm to 4pm
Wooli Hall, Wooli
Bookings essential text - 0478 099 905

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

For more information and updates, check out our Facebook page Clarence Valley Youth.
Please call 0428 420 808 if more details are required.
Outdoor activities will be postponed in the case of wet weather.
Programs proudly sponsored by:

CLARENCE YOUTH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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WEEK 2

NAIDOC TOUCH FOOTBALL GALA DAY
Monday 15th July, 9am to 2pm
JJ Lawrence Park, South Grafton
Register your team here - <https://events.humanitix.com/naidoc-touch-football-gala-day>

DROP-IN - TOASTIES & GAMES
Monday 15th July, 3:30pm to 5pm
Courtts Crossing Skate Park, Courtts Crossing
Just turn up!

WEARABLE ART WORKSHOP
Tuesday 16th July, 10am to 12noon
Copmanhurst Hall, Copmanhurst
Bookings essential text - 0414 284 150

LASER SKIRMISH
Tuesday 16th July, 3pm to 5pm
Lawrence Memorial Park, Lawrence
Just turn up!

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

GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP
Wednesday 17th July, 2pm to 4pm
Iluka Skate Park, Iluka
Bookings essential text - 0423 134 173

SURF LESSONS
Thursday 18th July, 9am to 12noon
Turners Beach, Yamba
Bookings essential text - 0447 693 863

GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP
Thursday 18th July, 2pm to 4pm
Bailey Park, Ulmarra
Bookings essential text - 0423 134 173

WOODBURNING WORKSHOP
Friday 19th July, 10:30am to 12:30pm
Grafton Regional Gallery, Grafton
Bookings essential - <https://events.humanitix.com/woodburning-workshop-with-deb-breckenridge>

OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION Arts & Games
Friday 19th July, 3:30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box, Yamba Skate Park, Yamba
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHOOSE YOUR

FOOTY ADVENTURE

Coffs Coast Holiday Program

Ages: 5-7

When: 8th and 9th July

Time: 9am - 12pm

Location: Leisure Park East

Cost: \$50

Registration includes a FOOTY!

Register HERE

Ages: 8-12

When: 8th and 9th July

Time: 9am - 12pm

Location: Leisure Park East

Cost: \$50

Registration includes a FOOTY!

Register HERE

VISIT PLAY.AFL

CHOOSE YOUR

FOOTY ADVENTURE

Port Macquarie Holiday Program

Ages: 5-7

When: 11th and 12th July

Time: 10am - 1pm

Location: Wayne Richards Park

Cost: \$50

Registration includes a FOOTY!

Register HERE

Ages: 8-12

When: 11th and 12th July

Time: 10am - 1pm

Location: Wayne Richards Park

Cost: \$50

Registration includes a FOOTY!

Register HERE

VISIT PLAY.AFL

midseason entry

It's not too late to join NAB AFL Auskick.
Try it out - 5 weeks for \$55!
Registration includes full Auskick pack
(ball, beanie/hat, shirt, pump, footy cards)

FIND YOUR LOCAL AUSKICK CENTRE HERE!

play.afl/auskick

FREE

School

Holiday

Workshops!

Proudly funded by

Mon 8 July:

- NAIDOC Art Adventure

Tues 9 July:

- Art for Wellbeing Workshop
- Beat Street: Hip Hop Dance Fusion

Fri 12 July:

- Soul Power Choir Workshop
- Laugh Factory: Stand Up Comedy

FREE

Fully funded for young people age 12 and over.
Includes morning tea and lunch.
Venue: Grafton Cathedral Parish Centre
Places limited. Book now:
<https://www.graftoncathedral.org.au/>

At Grafton Cathedral, we care deeply about youth wellbeing and enriching our community.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



GRAFTON PROGRAM
OPENING HOURS 7AM TO 6PM



MONDAY 8TH JULY EXCURSION +\$16 MOVIES - "INSIDE OUT 2" Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear and Disgust have, by all accounts, been running a operation on the inner workings of the Riley's mind. However, when Anxiety and a range of new emotions show up, they aren't quite sure how to feel! THEN... a picnic in the park with your friends for some games and activities in the sun! (Popcorn and drink deal included).	TUESDAY 9TH JULY IN CENTRE - "VIVA LA FRANCE!!!" The eyes of the world are on France this July with Bastille Day, the French version of Australia Day, on the 14 th and the Paris Olympics starting on the 26 th ! We've planned a fantastic day to celebrate the country that perfected the arts of eating snails and frogs and chopping off heads!!!!!! Today we will sample French cuisine from master chefs, create artworks fit for the Louvre and make a tower to do old Gustav Eiffel proud	WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY EXCURSION +\$16 ARCHERY Today we're heading back to the SHERWOOD INDOOR ARCHERY CENTRE, 'cause there's really nothing better than being allowed to touch and play with the dangerous stuff that your parents never let you touch! It's GREAT FUN!!! So, join our band of "Merry men" today as we bring out your inner ROBIN HOOD!	THURSDAY 11TH JULY EXCURSION +\$8 WOOLGOOLGA WINTER PICNIC We're off to Woolgoolga today as we head out for a picnic in the winter sun! It's too cold for us to go swimming but, funny enough, not for the whales! They're still doing it! We'll have a walk up to the headland to spot them as they make their way north to their breeding grounds in the warmer waters. Then it's hot chip sandwiches and a play in the beachside parks to top off a great day out.	FRIDAY 12TH JULY IN CENTRE OOSH OLYMPICS Selection Trials:- To get into the Spirit of this Olympic Year, we're having a practice and training day trialling all the events including athletics, hockey, Zulu-Ball, frisbee footy, javelin, shotput, tunnel ball and much more! We'll prepare you to take on the best of the best when we meet our international OOSH competitors from Woolgoolga at the OOSH OLYMPICS on Monday the 22 nd .
MONDAY 15TH JULY EXCURSION +\$16 SPRING LOADED Time to turn yourself into a human superball today and have you bouncing off the floor, walls and ceiling! (Please wear active clothes and socks!) When that's done, we'll head off for a picnic in the park with your friends to enjoy lots of games, activities and fun	TUESDAY 16TH JULY IN CENTRE - "VIVID!" Come with us today on an imaginative experience of creativity, innovation and technology inspired by Sydney's recent annual celebration of colour! Whether it's creating your very own flashlight projector, exploding paint bombs or designing	WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY EXCURSION +\$16 - BIG BANANA ICE SKATING Some slip/sliding fun with a few chills, thrills and spills to boot as we hit the rink today. (NB please bring long thick socks, warm clothes and wear pants) When not skating around, enjoy a local nature reserve with your friends for some games and activities in the winter sunshine!	THURSDAY 18TH JULY IN CENTRE - MINION MADNESS Are you the type of kid who is innocent, naive, mischievous, impetuous and loveable but lacks self-control? You are? PERFECT!!!! YOU'RE IN!!!! Today we enter the world of those little guys that look like Tic-Tacs with legs! Weird and wonderful games, crafts, tricks and prizes await in this Despicable Day of fun inspired by the movie Despicable Me 3!	FRIDAY 19TH JULY EXCURSION +\$16 MOVIES "DESPICABLE ME 4" Gru welcomes a new member to the family, Gru Jr., who's intent on tormenting his dad. However, their peaceful existence soon comes crashing down when criminal mastermind Maxime Le Mal escapes from prison and vows revenge against Gru. THEN... a picnic in the park with your friends for some games and activities in the sun! (Popcorn and drink deal included).
MONDAY 22ND JULY EXCURSION - THE OOSH OLYMPICS "THE EVENT!" - You've trained...you've sweated.... you've sacrificed....all for this one moment! Forget Paris! It's time to go "FASTER, STRONGER and HIGHER" here in Coffs Harbour! Today we head next door to the PCYC to take on the international competitors from Woolgoolga in a variety of indoor and outdoor events! From the glamour of the opening ceremony to the individual triumphs of the spirit and the camaraderie, there'll be something for everybody today! EXCURSION COST \$ 8	<div style="text-align: center;"> "WHAT TO BRING EVERYDAY" Hat, sunscreen, sun/rash shirts appropriate footwear, plenty to eat and drink (a refillable water bottle), warm clothes and socks in winter and swimmers, swim aids (if required) towel, plastic bag in summer. Phones, iPods, tablets and digital communication devices are prohibited. Please label all clothes. Spending money is optional! </div>			

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR VACATION CARE & USING THE QR CODE PROVIDED
YOU WILL BE TAKEN DIRECTLY TO OUR BOOKING PAGE TO COMPLETE THE BOOKING REQUEST



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 1:30pm the working day before your booking. Please note that weekends and Public Holidays are Non-Working Days. All bookings not cancelled by this time will be charged at full fee.

NEW FAMILIES who are interested in using vacation care will need to enrol first via our website at www.communityoosh.com.au

For further enquiries our Administration can be contacted on 0466 306 220 or via email admin@communityoosh.com.au

PLAY LEAGUE STARS:

WHEN: 16/7/2024 - 16/7/2024
TIME: Tuesday 10.00am - 12.00pm
WHERE: Frank McGuren Field Grafton
Ages: 5-9yrs **Cost** \$49
 Register at playrugbyleague.com.au



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Share your world

Become a foster carer

It's the little things that matter most – like having a safe place to call home, someone you can smile with and the right support.

You can make an extraordinary difference in the life of a young person by sharing those ordinary, everyday moments.

We are looking for compassionate individuals, couples and families to become foster carers to provide a safe and supportive home for vulnerable children and young people. We'll support you 24/7 and provide all the training you need.

If you have a spare bedroom and time to share, we'd love to hear from you. Contact us today and be the positive change in a child's life!

1300 592 227

lwb.org.au/foster-care

**LIFE
WITHOUT
BARRIERS**



Parent Cafe



Navigating Financial Storms Together

Free childcare & Lunch
Provided!

**MONDAY
22ND
JULY**



10:00am-12:00pm



Grafton Library

Limited numbers, Bookings essential on
0266403800
or use QR code



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medical concern you
need addressed quickly



Ask a nurse first



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Start a live chat
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Don't waste time waiting to be seen; let our registered nurses help you now. Our service is available 24/7 and we can connect you to a GP or pharmacist with a face-to-face or virtual appointment if needed.



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phone number to your contacts

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