



# GRAFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 WEEK 10 – FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

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## Upcoming Events

27 <sup>th</sup> September	Last Day of Term 3
14 <sup>th</sup> October	First Day of Term 4
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Grandparent's Day

**GRANDPARENT'S DAY  
AT GPS IS  
THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER**

Please mark this date on your calendars. More details to come.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



**School Resumes for Students  
Monday 14th October**

## Relieving Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe it is the end of Term 3! We've had many wonderful experiences and look forward to the exciting events and activities planned for Term 4. This is always a busy time of year, filled with opportunities for celebration, transition, and connection.

Last week our choir, dance ensemble and band went on the annual GPS Performing Arts Tour, which was an extraordinary experience for our students. It is always inspiring to see our talented young artists, musicians, and performers take to the stage in the 'big smoke'. This camp provides a unique opportunity for our students to hone their skills, gain confidence, and experience the vibrant cultural life of the city. The performances were truly impressive, and I am so proud of each and every student who participated. They represented our school with great pride and showcased the incredible talent and potential we have within our school community. A huge thank you to Mr Keogh, Mr Craythorn, Ms Eveleigh, Miss Karen and Miss Selina for once again giving our students these once in a lifetime opportunities and memories they will cherish forever.

In Term 4, we will kick off our **Transition Programs**, an important time for students as they prepare for the next step in their educational journey. Our Kinder Kritters program will be in full swing as we welcome our youngest learners as they get a taste of school life. The Years 2-3 transition to the Primary Campus will help our students familiarise themselves with new routines and expectations. Similarly, the Year 6-7 transition program will support our Year 6 students as they prepare for high school, ensuring they feel confident and ready for their next exciting chapter of schooling.

Our Year 6 students will also be celebrated at the much-anticipated **Year 6 Farewell**. This event is a special opportunity to acknowledge their contributions and achievements throughout their time at GPS. Before this, our annual **Presentation Day** will honour the outstanding efforts and accomplishments of students across all year levels.

We are thrilled to announce the **official opening** of our newly renovated school hall will occur next term! This state-of-the-art facility will serve as a hub for community events, assemblies, and performances for years to come.

We're looking forward to hosting **Grandparents Day** at the very beginning of next term. A cherished tradition that allows us to celebrate the invaluable role grandparents and loved ones play in the lives of our students.

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## Relieving Principal's Report

Our school's involvement in the local **Jacaranda Festival** will be another highlight, showcasing our students' talents and community spirit. And of course, the term would not be complete without the delightful **Infants Christmas Concert**, where our youngest students will bring the festive season to life with their joy and enthusiasm.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. See you all 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

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN 2025?



Bookings are now open for

### **BEFORE SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS**

Please call Grafton Community Health on  
6641 8702 to make a free appointment.

Your child's vision, hearing, speech, fine and  
gross motor development, height, weight and  
oral health will be assessed.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## **MACLEAN PUBLIC SCHOOL WILL BE OPEN ON 3RD OCTOBER FOR A FREE "SHARE OUR SPACE" CRICKET CLINIC, DESIGNED FOR KIDS AGED 5-12 WHO ARE NEW TO THE GAME!**

This fun-filled program will introduce participants to exciting skills and games, providing a great way to experience the sport in a relaxed and enjoyable setting.

Please ensure your child comes prepared with their lunch, a hat, sunscreen, a water bottle, and comfortable shoes and clothing suitable for outdoor activities.

Event Type	Date	Time	Age Group	Registration link
Cricket NSW FREE holiday program – Maclean Public School	Thursday, 3 October 2024	9.30am - 3.30pm	Ages 5 -12	<a href="https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/9605b2">https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/9605b2</a>



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHOOSE YOUR

## FOOTY ADVENTURE

Grafton Holiday Program



PLAY

**Ages: 5-7**

When: Tues, 8th Oct 2024

Time: 9am - 3pm

Location: Lower Fisher Park

Cost: \$50

Registration includes a  
FOOTY!



Register **HERE**



**Ages: 8-12**

When: Tues, 8th Oct 2024

Time: 9am - 3pm

Location: Lower Fisher Park

Cost: \$50

Registration includes a  
FOOTY!



Register **HERE**

**VISIT PLAY.AFL**

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## 22nd Dorrigo Folk & Bluegrass Festival 25, 26, 27 October 2024

6th Dorrigo Old-Time Music School 23, 24, 25 October 2024

Dorrigo Showgrounds Dorrigo, NSW  
on Gumbaynggirr Country



Scan to purchase festival tickets and camping.

### Presenting:

- Michael Daves & Jacob Jolliff USA
- Nokosee Fields Trio USA
- High Fidelity USA
- Grassy Strings IND
- Kat Mear & Jackson Cunningham AUS/USA
- Rain of Animals SCOT
- Ashlee Watkins & Andrew Small USA

- Andrea Kirwin & Claire Evelynn
- Apolline
- Charlotte Le Lievre
- Craig Woodward & Kat Mear
- Dorrigo Restrung
- Double Dole Stringband

- Emmy Ryan
- Gallie
- Hannah Day
- Haystack Mountain Hermits
- Jhana Allan
- John Flanagan
- Jordie Lane
- Jumbaal Dreamin'

- Lucy Wise
- Lyrebird
- Maggie Rigby
- Marcus & Paul
- Mic Conway & Robbie Long
- Michael Waugh
- Montz Matsumoto & Voicestrings
- Mundy-Turner

- Old Folk
- Pirritu
- Rocky Bottom Girls
- Roman Jean
- Sarah Humphreys
- Shake Shake Theatre
- Steel City Sue
- Sunburnt Celts
- The Dempsey Brothers

- The Eight-String Social Club
- The High Street Drifters
- The Inadequates
- Two If By Sea
- Watkins & Montgomery
- We Mavericks
- Wild Thyme

We aim to be an earth conscious, plastic, smoke, drug and alcohol-free venue. Thank you!

- Concerts
- Kids Area
- Festival Choir
- Vocal, Dance and Instrumental Workshops
- Bluegrass Breakfast
- Dances
- Jams

With support from:



Funded by the NSW Government through the Country Arts Support Program



[www.dorrigofolkbluegrass.com.au](http://www.dorrigofolkbluegrass.com.au)





# COMMUNITY NOTICES



## WEARABLE ART WORKSHOP

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 10am to 12noon  
Iluka Community Hall, Iluka  
Bookings essential text – 0414 284 150

## DROP-IN – MILKSHAKES & HANDBALL COMP

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Coutts Crossing Skate Park, Coutts Crossing  
Just turn up!

## GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 3pm to 5pm  
Lawrence Memorial Park, Lawrence  
Bookings essential text – 0423 134 173

## LASER SKIRMISH

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 3pm to 5pm  
Pirate Park, South Grafton  
Just turn up!

## JEWELLERY MAKING WORKSHOP

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 10am to 12noon  
Nymboida Community Hall, Nymboida  
Bookings essential text – 0478 099 905

## OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION

**Fitkidz & Art**  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Out of the Box, Wherrett Park, Maclean  
Just turn up!

## DROP-IN – MENTAL HEALTH MONTH EVENT

### Make your own stress ball

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Changing Lanes Shed, Through Street, South Grafton  
Just turn up!

## LASER SKIRMISH

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 3pm to 5pm  
Woombah Park, Woombah  
Just turn up!

## GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 3pm to 5pm  
Townsend Park, Townsend  
Bookings essential text – 0423 134 173

## LASER SKIRMISH

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 3pm to 5pm  
Shannon Park, Glenreagh  
Just turn up!

## OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION

**Fitkidz & Art**  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 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.

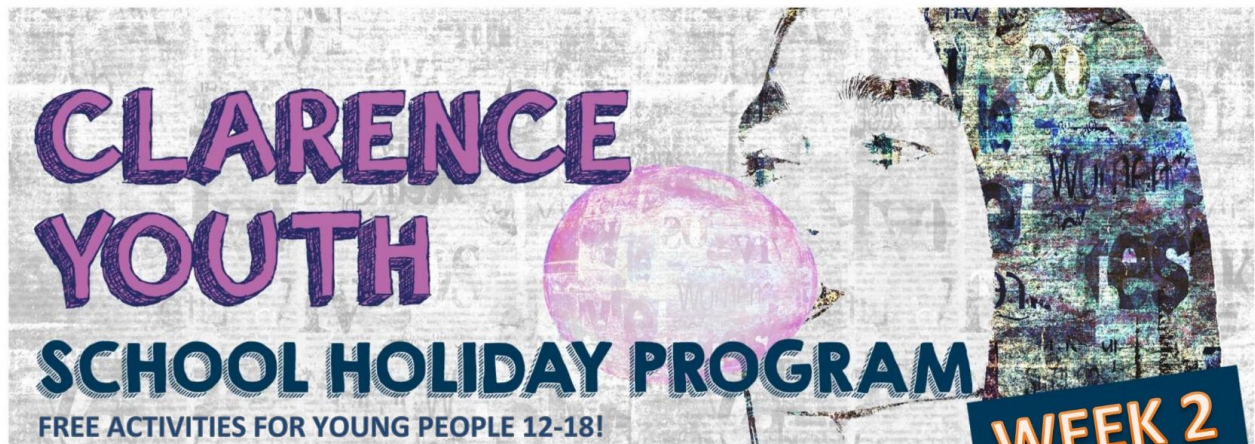
Please call 0428 420 908 if more details are required.

Outdoor activities will be postponed in the case of wet weather.

Programs proudly sponsored by:



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## DREAMCATCHER WORKSHOP

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 10:30am to 12:30pm

Grafton Regional Gallery, Grafton

Bookings essential -

<https://events.humanitix.com/make-a-dream-catcher-workshop-for-youth>

## SKATE AND CREATE

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 4pm to 6pm

Yamba Skate Park, Yamba

Bookings essential -

[https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/come-and-try-skateboarding-tickets-1022240959227?utm\\_experiment=test\\_share\\_listing&aff=ebdsshios](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/come-and-try-skateboarding-tickets-1022240959227?utm_experiment=test_share_listing&aff=ebdsshios)

## WOODBURNING WORKSHOP

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 10am to 12noon

Copmanhurst Community Hall, Copmanhurst

Bookings essential text – 0475 428 003

## WEARABLE ART WORKSHOP

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 10am to 12noon

Lawrence Community Hall, Lawrence

Bookings essential text – 0414 284 150

## OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION

### Soccer, Basketball & Bullrush

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 3:30pm to 5pm

Out of the Box, Wherrett Park, Maclean

Just turn up!

## SURF LESSONS

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 9am to 12noon

Minnie Water Main Beach, Minnie Water

Bookings essential text – 0447 693 863

## BULGARR NGARU COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 10am to 2pm

Grafton Showground, Grafton

Just turn up!

## SKATE AND CREATE

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 4pm to 6pm

Iluka Skate Park, Iluka

Bookings essential -

[https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/come-and-try-skateboarding-tickets-1022243105647?utm\\_campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm\\_medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm\\_source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/come-and-try-skateboarding-tickets-1022243105647?utm_campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm_medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm_source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl)

## OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION

### Soccer, Basketball & Bullrush

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 3:30pm to 5pm

Out of the Box, Yamba Skate Park, Yamba

Just turn up!

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**WEEK 1**

## REPTILE SHOW

**MON 30TH SEPT – SAT 5TH OCT**  
**DAILY SHOWS - 10AM, 11:30AM & 1PM**  
**LOCATED OUTSIDE TARGET**

Get ready to dive into the wild with Reptile World! Meet some of the World's deadliest snakes or get cuddly and cozy with some friendly lizards for a photo op!

# Free School Holiday Fun!



**WEEK 2**



Presents

## THE GREAT LEGO<sup>®</sup> BUILDING CHALLENGE



**LOCATED OUTSIDE WOOLWORTHS**

Join the ultimate LEGO showdown at the Northcoast Productions Great LEGO Building Challenge! Get ready to build, create, and compete for awesome prizes!

**HEATS:**

**MON 7TH - FRI 11TH OCT**

10:30am >>> 3-7 years

11:30am >>> 8-14 years

12:30pm >>> 3-7 years

1:30pm >>> 8-14 years

**FINALS:**

**SAT 12TH OCT**

11:30am >>> 3-7 years

12:30pm >>> 8-14 years



## SURVIVAL BRACELET WORKSHOP

**THURS 10TH - SAT 12TH OCT**

**2 SESSIONS DAILY**

**10AM & 12PM**

**LOCATED OUTSIDE TARGET**

Make your very own survival bracelet with the Grafton Scouts.

There is a limit of 20 kids per session, so make sure you arrive early to secure your spot.



LEGO<sup>®</sup> and the brick configuration are property of the LEGO<sup>®</sup> Group, which does not sponsor, own, or endorse this event.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



## Become a Nipper

Sundays 9.30am - 12.30pm  
Minnie Water Main Beach

Join us for a fun program of:

- Surf Awareness
- Surf Safety
- Surf Sports

Come & Try Days:

- Sunday 13th October
- Sunday 20th October

**Contact: [jac@mwwslsc.org.au](mailto:jac@mwwslsc.org.au)**



# COMMUNITY NOTICES



## SURFGROMS TERM 4 PROGRAMS!

**WOOLGOOLGA  
BEACH**

**Saturdays**

8am 5/12yrs 1hr 6wk program  
9:15am 5/12yrs 1hr 6wk program  
10:30am 5/12yrs 1hr 6wk program  
Starts 19th Oct



**6 week program \$160**

All programs will look to extend for the term on a flexible basis. \$25 per lesson  
**Active Kids Vouchers Welcomed**

Surfing Australia's national junior development program for kids 5-12yrs

Softboard and full-length wetsuit included

Missed lesson make-up options

1:5 Coach to Student ratio

**SURFGROMS.COM** ALL PROGRAMS INCLUDE \$50 RIPCURL & \$10 WOOLWORTHS VOUCHERS

**BOOK ONLINE: [WWW.SOLITARYISLANDSSURFSCHOOL.COM.AU](http://WWW.SOLITARYISLANDSSURFSCHOOL.COM.AU)**

**0438561370**

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



## HOLIDAY SURF LESSONS!

1 hour lessons from \$30 per person

Adult and kids groups includes all equipment

## WOOLGOOLGA BEACH

9am & 10:15am

\*7:45AM & 11:30AM AVAILABLE IN PEAK PERIODS

CLOSED XMAS, BOXING AND NEW YEARS DAY

\$135 - 4 Day SurfGrom programs, 5-12yrs.

1hr session each day, Surf Awareness/Surf Activities/Surf Skills.

Includes \$50 Rip Curl & \$10 Woolworths Vouchers.



## PRIVATE LESSONS

An exclusive surfing experience for individuals or groups. Available all year round for all ages and ability. You choose your day, time and location, or let us guide you with our local knowledge.

All lessons 1 hour

1 person \$120

2 people \$120

3 people \$150

4 people \$160

5 people \$175

Extra's \$35 p/p

BOOK ONLINE: [WWW.SOLITARYISLANDSSURFSCHOOL.COM.AU](http://WWW.SOLITARYISLANDSSURFSCHOOL.COM.AU) 0438 561 370

# 2024 SPRING VACATION CARE PROGRAM

## Monday 30 September to Friday 11 October

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



### CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 0466 306 220 or 6658 9757

Email: admin@communityoosh.com.au

Web: www.communityoosh.com.au




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

<p><b>HOURS OF OPERATION</b> 7.00am – 6.00pm <b>MONDAY TO FRIDAY</b> During School Holidays &amp; Pupil Free days</p> <p><b>On all excursion days children are required to be at the centre no later than 8:45am and will return by approx. 4:00pm.</b> Transportation is provided in our bus or van depending on bookings. Risk Assessments available upon request.</p>	<p><b>"WHAT TO BRING EVERYDAY"</b></p> <p>All Children are required to bring a hat, water bottle, sun-screen, appropriate footwear and healthy lunch / snacks. In winter warm clothes and socks are required each day.</p> <p>In summer swimmers, sun/rash shirts, swim aids (if required), towel and plastic bag are required each day. Personal electronic devices are prohibited.</p> <p>Please label all clothes. Spending money is optional!</p>
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**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.

2024 Fee Structure at Full Rate before the application of any CCS %		Example of Approximate out of pocket expenses at 90% CCS	
Vacation Care	\$76	Vacation Care	\$7.60
Sample Additional Excursion Cost	\$16	Sample Excursion CCS Applied	\$1.60



## GRAFTON PROGRAM

OPENING HOURS 7AM TO 6PM



MONDAY 30 SEPT	TUESDAY 1 OCT	WEDNESDAY 2 OCT	THURSDAY 3 OCT	FRIDAY 4 OCT
<p><b>EXCURSION +\$15 MOVIES</b> <b>WILD ROBOT</b> - Shipwrecked on a deserted island, a robot named Roz must learn to adapt to its new surroundings and to develop a protective bond with nature. <b>THEN...</b> a picnic in the park with your friends for some games and activities in the sun! (Popcorn and drink deal included).</p> 	<p><b>IN CENTRE – GAME ON!</b> Come with us today on a thrilling journey through a series of "real life" activities inspired by your favourite video games! You and your friends will need to tap into your creativity and problem-solving skills to tackle series of survival games and action-packed challenges that have transcended from the virtual world into reality!!!</p> 	<p><b>EXCURSION +\$16 BIG BANANA WATER PARK &amp; DRY SLIDES</b> Today we're offering you a choice of either the wet &amp; wild fun of the waterslides (120cm height restriction applies) <b>OR</b> the whiz-bang adrenalin rush of hurtling down the Dry Slides. Either way it's a win! <b>(N.B. come appropriately dressed for your choice)</b> Then, we'll head off for a picnic lunch and play! (Optional \$2 lolly bags available, cash only)</p> 	<p><b>EXCURSION + \$16 KIDS SPECTACULAR</b> They're...fast! They're... funny! They're...fantastic! They're...<b>BACK!</b> It's the long-awaited return of the most spectacular Street Theatre Event ever to hit Coffs Harbour! With new thrills and new spils, it's a fantastic day of fun and games for all.</p> 	<p><b>INCURSION + \$12 MULLAWAY CREATIVE</b> We always look forward to a visit from our friends <b>JIMMY WAGS</b> and <b>TULLI STEVENS</b> to inspire the flow of our creative juices and ignite our own artistic flair! Today they'll be teaching you the tricks of the trade! Then all you've got to do to be famous is to grow old and out your ear off!</p> 
MONDAY 7 OCTOBER	TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER	WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER	THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER	FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER
<p><b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> <i>Closed for Labour Day</i></p> 	<p><b>EXCURSION + \$17 JETTY THEATRE "THE FISH THAT WANTED TO FLY!"</b> The magic of puppetry comes to Coffs Harbour in a story about a little fish who has the courage to pursue something even if it seems likely it will never reach it. From there we'll head to the jetty for a picnic lunch, a play and to scavenge the foreshores to see what the ocean has delivered on our doorstep!</p> 	<p><b>EXCURSION +\$16 SPRING LOADED</b> Time to turn yourself into a human superball today and go 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!</p> 	<p><b>IN CENTRE - "BEFORE TECHNOLOGY!"</b> Back in 1876 when Alexander Graham Bell spoke his first words into his newly invented "Bell Telephone", he had no idea what his new toy would become in the 21<sup>st</sup> century! Today we'll hop into the OOSH Time Machine to take a few fun "before and after" looks at some of the major changes to everyday items brought on by advancements in technology!</p> 	<p><b>IN CENTRE – "SPRING FAIR!"</b> All the fun of the fair is at your fingertips today as we prepare for the ultimate celebration of Spring! Your morning will be spent with your friends designing, setting up and creating your own fairground attractions, rides and stalls! Then, it's off to the fair for a fabulous arvo of fun!</p> 

**CHANGES TO FEES** - Community OOSH Services always endeavours to provide the highest quality care for your children at an affordable price. The necessity to maintain industry standards and regulations will unfortunately generate a slight increase in fees (shown below) that will take effect from Monday 16 September 2024. The slightly good news for many families is that most of the changes will be covered by the higher CCS percentage that many parents are now receiving. The chart below shows some examples of how these changes may apply.

	NEW RATE	Increase to the out-of-pocket costs at 90% CCS	Increase to the out-of-pocket costs at 80% CCS	Increase to the out-of-pocket costs at 70% CCS
Before School Care	\$22.00	\$0.20	\$0.40	\$0.60
After School Care	\$36.00	\$0.40	\$0.80	\$1.20
Vacation Care	\$76.00	\$1.60	\$3.20	\$4.80

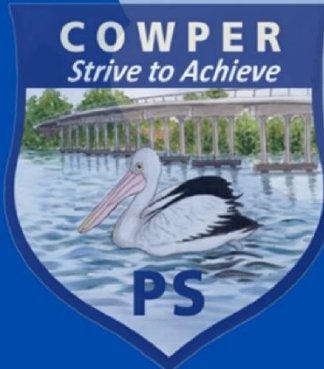
**DAVE'S RAVES – THE SELLING OUT OF STANDARDS FROM THOSE WHO SHOULD KNOW BETTER!** - Our programs are prepared and released weeks out from the holidays. I write this having witnessed the fun, excitement and imaginative engagement of the children heading to school all dressed up for their Book Parades held at schools during Book Week. This "childhood rite of passage" celebration of reading and literacy has been going on in schools since 1945 and is promoted by the Children's Book Council of Australia, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to connecting Aussie kids with books. **SO...** I cannot begin to describe my shock and disappointment when I picked up the morning paper to read an article of sanctimonious drivel written by journalist, author and so-called education professional, Dr Susie O'Brien who was berating (in her words not mine) **"those pious schools putting pressure on time poor parents, expecting and encouraging kids to come dressed as a character from an actual book!"** The rest of article the degenerated from there. Sadly, "Dr." Susie's doctorate is in Education! (it's probably still covered in Cornflakes from the box she got it from!) To shed more light on this genius, she is the author of a book called **"The Secret of Half-Ars'd Parenting"** the only subject I believe she would be an overqualified expert in! **I rest my case!**

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## COWPER PUBLIC SCHOOL



P&C Cake Stall



Slushies

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

10AM TO 2PM

150 YEARS



Memorabilia Stall



Creating Coffee



Maclean Rotary BBQ

## FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

DISPLAYS | STUDENT PERFORMANCES | MEMORABILIA  
CAKE STALL | BBQ | COFFEE | LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT COWPER PUBLIC SCHOOL

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- 📍 74 CLARENCE STREET, COWPER 2460





# COMMUNITY NOTICES



BreastScreen  
NSW

Book your free  
breast screen in

## Grafton

August –  
December 2024



In proud partnership with

**Clarence Valley  
Imaging**

137 Fitzroy Street

Call 13 20 50

The recommended breast screening age for women is 50-74 years.  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are recommended to screen from age 40.

Book your free breast screen online at [book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au](http://book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au) or call 13 20 50.

Artwork by Jaemine Saini, 2022. BRS-0303-12.23 | BRS-0303-12.23

When you have a  
medical concern you  
need addressed quickly



**Ask a nurse first**

1800 198 888

Start a live chat  
[northcoasthealthconnect.org.au](http://northcoasthealthconnect.org.au)

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.



Scan this code to easily add our  
phone number to your contacts

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CONNECT**

HEALTHY  
NORTH COAST

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## 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!

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