



# GRAFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 2 – FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2024

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## Website

<https://grafton-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

## Like us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/GraftonPublicSchool>

## Upcoming Events

4 <sup>th</sup> November	Badge Ceremony
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Kinder Kritters 9:30 - 2:30

Award ceremonies will be held on both Campuses on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Families of award winners would have received notification this week. The Primary ceremony is at 10.30am and the Infants Ceremony at 12.30pm. Parents of bronze and silver badge recipients at our Primary Campus are invited to stay for morning tea (provided) after the ceremony to celebrate their child's achievement.

## Building Good Habits Early – Attendance

Building a routine of regular school attendance from an early age is critical. According to the Australian Department of Education, children who develop strong attendance habits in primary school are more likely to stay engaged and achieve higher results in high school and beyond. Encourage your child to attend every day, unless they're unwell. Attend today, achieve tomorrow.



## Relieving Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

GPS was represented by a high number of students in this year's March of Youth. Thank you to all the staff and parents/carers who turned up to support our students on a Saturday. A special shout out to Mrs Harrigan and her team for putting the banner together. It looked amazing! Our Performing Arts group (Band, Choir and Dance) led by Mr Keogh lived up to their stellar reputation earlier in the week by putting on a wonderful performance down at Market Square. Our Aboriginal dance group performed at River Dreaming, an event where the community comes together to share and celebrate culture with music and dance. Thank you Miss Bek, Mrs Gallagher and the team for providing another fantastic opportunity for our students to showcase their talents.

A special congratulations goes to our hockey team, who have brought home the PSSA State Championship! This is a remarkable accomplishment and we are incredibly proud of the students. Thank you Miss Buckley, for giving our students this opportunity. Additionally, our cricket team deserves huge praise for their success in winning the North Coast Final. They now advance to the State Quarter Finals, and we are all cheering them on as they continue their journey. Our schools Ten pin Bowling team travelled down to Sydney earlier this week to participate in the NSW School Sport Unit State Finals and represented our school proudly. Thank you Mrs Sullivan and Miss Katrina for supporting our students down in the big smoke!

The Independent Living Skills Camp held this week was a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn important life skills, develop a level of independence and have fun! Thank you to Miss Weir, Ms Tozer and the team who were involved in the meticulous planning and organisation that ensured that the camp ran smoothly and the students had an amazing time.

Nick Campbell

R/Principal

Grafton Public School

# Tell Them From Me Parent Survey

This term, Grafton Public School is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* Parent survey. The survey allows parents to express their views about their perceptions of their child's experiences at home and school. If you have more than one child at the school and your perceptions differ for each child, you may choose to complete the survey more than once to provide feedback on each child's experiences.

Your participation in the survey is **anonymous and confidential**. When you submit your survey, the responses are recorded on a secure site without personal identifying information. Your answers will be mixed with those of other parents and caregivers from the school. You may skip any questions you do not wish to answer, other than the one asking which school year your child is in.

Insights into parent and staff communication, activities and practices at home, and parent voice on the school's support of learning and behaviour all build an accurate and timely picture that schools can use for practical improvements.

Please click the following link to access the survey:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/grafton>

The survey will remain open until Friday 8 November 2024.

More information about the survey is available at: [education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm](http://education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm)

Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards

Kelly Fletcher

Deputy Principal

# 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



9am - 12pm / 12pm - 3pm / 3pm - 6pm / 6pm - 9pm

**\$29 per class**

[www.illustrating-man.com.au](http://www.illustrating-man.com.au)

**EARLY BIRD**

Book ALL 4 classes before Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> 4.30pm for the Early Bird Special & receive 4 x Cartooning Books valued at \$48



- Children 4 - 15 years
- Professional cartoonist
- WWCC
- All art materials included
- Snacks provided

**Coffs Harbour**  
Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup>  
209 Harbour Drive, Coffs Harbour

**Penrith**  
Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
South Penrith Guide Hall: Trent Street, South Penrith

**Port Macquarie**  
Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>  
1<sup>st</sup> Port Macquarie Sea Scouts: 9 Buller Street, Port Macquarie

**BOOKINGS**

- If using the \$50 Active Creative Kids Voucher - first get the Voucher from Service NSW then call our office
- If booking directly: [www.illustrating-man.com.au](http://www.illustrating-man.com.au)
- Click the **Workshop Button** on our home page
- Select **Coffs Harbour / Penrith / Port Macquarie**
- Please check junk, spam folders
- If using PayPal - we will write to your PayPal email



Enquiries: 8.30am - 4.30pm (EST)  
Calls outside of these times will be returned the following day

**02 9343 0833**

[bookings@cartoonkingdom.com.au](mailto:bookings@cartoonkingdom.com.au)

[www.illustrating-man.com.au](http://www.illustrating-man.com.au)

Mail: Suite 2, 29 Newland St, Bondi Junction NSW 2022

## Saturday Cartoon Workshops

offs Harbour Sat Nov 16<sup>th</sup> Penrith Sat Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> Port Macquarie Sat Dec 7<sup>th</sup>

**Class 1: 9am - 12pm**

- **Theme:** Hawaiian. Wear anything colourful & tropical. Prizes for the best dressed.
- **Draw:** A tropical island.
- **Draw:** A frog, snake & a turtle.
- **Play:** The exciting game 'Charge'.
- **Coral reef:** Draw life in the sea.
- **Draw:** Animated fruit & vegetables.
- **Competition:** Design & win USA candy!
- **Enjoy:** Decorate & eat doughnuts.
- **Draw:** Deep sea predators.
- **Balloon squishies:** Play the squishy game.
- **Make:** A tower with marshmallows & spaghetti.



**Class 2: 12pm - 3pm**

- **Theme:** Messy clothes & hair. Prizes for the 'worst' dressed.
- **Competition:** Build with Lego™.
- **Draw:** Australian animals.
- **Enjoy:** Delicious Skittle S'mores.
- **Treasure hunt:** Find the treasure.
- **Slime:** Make green gooey oobleck slime!
- **Play:** The shaving cream battle if you want!
- **Science:** Mad professor Kuffleblah will make mocktails.
- **Draw African animals:** A giraffe, meerkat & an elephant.
- **Play:** Harry Potter™, Pokémon™ & Star Wars™ trivia for prizes.
- **Pokémon™:** Draw popular characters & trade your cards. Bring your Pokémon cards.



**Class 3: 3pm - 6pm**

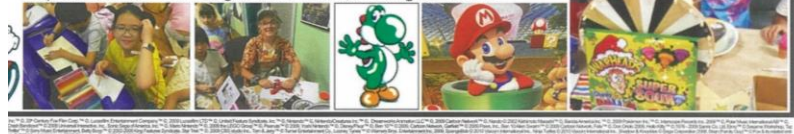
- **Theme:** Barbie™, Disney™, Marvel™ & Taylor Swift. Prizes for best dressed.
- **T-Shirt Art:** Design a T-Shirt. We'll supply these.
- **Pocky™ challenge:** Guess the flavour blind folded.
- **Face painting:** Get your face painted.
- **Competition:** Design & win a watch.
- **Draw:** Farm animals.
- **Play:** Capture the flag.
- **Draw:** Mickey Mouse™.
- **Make:** Tay Tay bracelets.
- **Draw:** A fire dragon.
- **Flour battle:** Join in the flour fight if you want to.
- **Taylor Swift Talent Show:** Sing or dance - win Tay Tay Posters.



**Class 4: 6pm - 9pm**

**Markets - best class!**

- **Theme:** Dress in dark clothes.
- **Play:** Sock wrestling 'Nerf gun' style.
- **Play:** The custard eating game.
- **Draw:** Cute manga animals.
- **Draw:** Mario™, Sonic™ & Yoshi™.
- **Nerf gun battle disco:** Bring in your nerf guns & goggles for a safe battle & disco. Make cubby houses in the hall.
- **Play:** Murder in the dark! An exciting game with balloons.
- **Kingdom Markets:** Everyone prepares a shop for Market Day. It is important that all the children prepare a small shop of things to sell. Make cookies, sell old toys, books, etc... the children buy & sell using Kingdom money they have earned. We'll also give the children \$100 Kingdom dollars.

www.illustrating-man.com.au

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## LET'S BREAK A RECORD GRAFTON!



AUSTRALIAN RECORD ATTEMPT

**SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER - MARKET SQUARE  
FROM 3.30PM AFTER 'SPLASH OF TARTAN'**

Join us for the **BIGGEST Hokey Pokey in Australian history**  
at the 90th Grafton Jacaranda Festival!  
Current record: 1,862 people - Our goal: 2,000+



# 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

Camping - Canoeing - Friendship - Archery - Volunteering

## GRAFTON GIRL GUIDES

**TRY GIRL GUIDES**  
**Before you join!**

TWO free trials with a Unit of  
your choice to help you  
decide if **GIRL GUIDES**  
is right for you!



Guide Hall at:  
201 Prince Street, Grafton

Contact:  
[Grafton.Girl.Guides@gmail.com](mailto:Grafton.Girl.Guides@gmail.com)



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Cooking - Life Skills - Campfire - Craft - Sleepover - Hiking

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



BreastScreen  
NSW

Book your free  
breast screen in

## Grafton

August –  
December 2024



In proud partnership with

Call 13 20 50

**Clarence Valley  
Imaging**

137 Fitzroy Street

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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## 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](http://lwb.org.au/foster-care)

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