



# GRAFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 5 – FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

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## Upcoming Events

20 <sup>th</sup> November	Kinder Kritters 9:30 - 2:30
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Infants Christmas Concert 1:30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> December	K-5Movie Day
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Farewell Dinner

**YEAR 6  
FAREWELL  
- DINNER -  
17TH DECEMBER  
5:45pm - 8:30pm**

Please log into School Bytes to give permission and make payment by 10th December

**Infants  
Christmas Concert**

6th December  
1:30pm

Each class K-2 will present a Christmas item and the band and choir groups will also perform.

**K-5  
Movie  
Day**

MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Please log into School Bytes to give permission and make payment by 13th December.

# Relieving Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

One of our core goals at Grafton Public School is to foster resilience and persistence in our students. These traits are essential when facing academic and personal challenges. By encouraging a growth mindset, we aim to equip our students with the tools to persevere, learn from setbacks, and approach problems with confidence. Our teachers are dedicated to creating a supportive environment where every student can develop these invaluable life skills. With your support our students will continue to flourish and become strong, independent people.

## **Remembrance Day Commemoration**

Our school recently came together for our Remembrance Day ceremony. This annual observance provides our students with an opportunity to honour the men and women who have served and sacrificed for our country. Our students paid tribute through reflections, and art projects that beautifully represented the spirit of Remembrance Day. We held a minute of silence as a collective tribute to those who served, a gesture that underscores the values of gratitude and respect we aim to instil in our students.

## **Tech Crew's Achievement at the Big River Film Festival**

We are excited to announce that our tech crew participated in the Big River Film Festival, showcasing their creativity and technical skills. Our students produced an impressive short film that not only highlighted their storytelling talents but also demonstrated teamwork and problem-solving skills. Special thanks to Mrs. McPhillips, who guided and supported the students every step of the way.

## **Year 5 Students' Leadership Nominations for 2025**

Our Year 5 students have started nominating themselves for leadership positions for 2025. It's inspiring to see these young leaders step forward with a desire to contribute to the school community. This nomination process helps them build confidence, learn responsibility, and develop their leadership skills. We look forward to seeing how their leadership journey unfolds and the positive impact they will make in the coming year.

## **Boys Cricket Team's Success in the PSSA State Quarter Final**

Congratulations to our Boys Cricket team, who recently triumphed in the NSW PSSA State Cricket quarter-final. This result means they are in the top 4 best cricket teams in the state! They will now be heading to Bathurst to compete for the state championship title. We're incredibly proud of their teamwork and sportsmanship, and we wish them the best of luck in the finals. A big thank you to Mrs Geary and Mr Dayne for guiding the team. Good luck boys!

Nick Campbell

R/Principal

Grafton Public School

# Selective High School Applications

Selective High Schools are for students in Years 7 to 12. Grafton High School is a Selective High School. You may apply to have your child considered for this class.

Applications open on 7/11/2024 and close on 21/2/2025. These dates are very strict and no late applications will be accepted under any circumstances.

Parents apply when their child is at the end of Year 5 or the beginning of Year 6 for placement in a selective high school in Year 7. The students will sit a placement test in Term 2 of Year 6.

## Additional information can be found here:

[https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes-parents/documents/SHS\\_application\\_guide.pdf](https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes-parents/documents/SHS_application_guide.pdf)

## Link for the application page:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools>

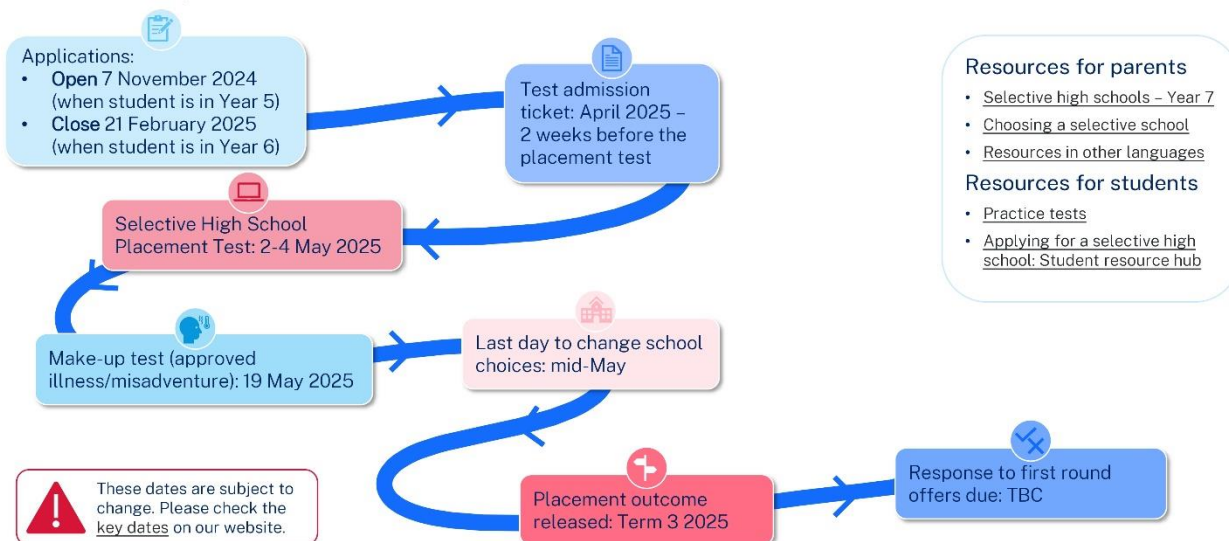
NSW Department of Education

## Selective high school placement timeline

Parent/carer resource



Year 7 entry in 2026





# 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

NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 15<sup>TH</sup> & 16<sup>TH</sup>

3 DAYS ONLY

**20% OFF  
EVERYTHING\***

INCLUDING SCHOOLWEAR



ZERO AND REWARDS CARD HOLDERS  
**USE YOUR CARD AT CHECKOUT**

## ZERO CARD BENEFITS

NO  
INTEREST  
EVER

5%  
INSTANT  
SAVINGS

5%  
REWARDS  
POINTS

SHOP NOW  
PAY LATER

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



## Saturday 23rd November

# Santa is Arriving!

Join the festive fun with roaming entertainment, friendly characters ready for high fives and selfies, plus a FREE kids' Christmas Bauble Workshop!

Character Meet & Greet



**10am - 1pm**

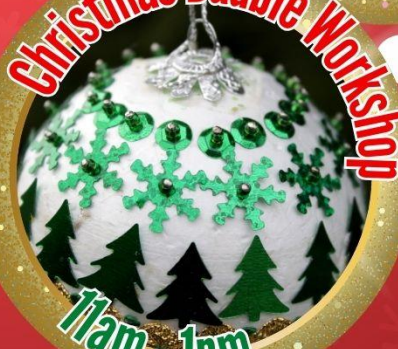
S.O.D.A Dancers



Memphis Moovers



Christmas Bauble Workshop



**11am - 1pm**





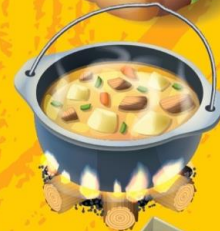
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## CLARENCE Adventurer & Pathfinder Club (CAPS)



Find us on



REGISTER  
**NOW**  
FOR YOUR  
**FREE**  
TICKETS



1 Peaceful Drive  
Gulmarrad NSW  
For more information  
contact Luther McPhee  
1300 001 844

**BE CHALLENGED • LEARN NEW SKILLS  
CONQUER YOUR FEARS • AGES 6-17**

Mud Run / Dam Swim • Tent Pitching & Striking • Square Lashing & Knot Tying  
Fire Lighting • First Aid • Maps & Navigation • Canoe Portage  
Marching & Drill • Maze • Candle Making • Slingshots • Parachute  
The Pinnacle Challenge Tower & High Ropes Activities  
Slip 'n' Slide • Obstacle Course • Craft • Games & More



# 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



## 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)



GIRL GUIDES  
AUSTRALIA  
NSW ACT NT



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

North Coast Health Connect is funded by Health 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!

1300 592 227

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

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