

GRAFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Relieving Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

The past two weeks have been a whirlwind of amazing events, bringing an incredible year to a close. I want to take this moment to thank our wonderful school community for your unwavering support throughout the year. To the families who are moving on, we wish you the very best and thank you for being an integral part of the GPS family. You will be greatly missed!

Our Presentation Day, held at the Saraton Theatre, was a fantastic occasion to celebrate the achievements of our students. Whether or not you received an award, I am immensely proud of each and every one of you for your growth, improvement, and maturity this year. On the day, I had the honour of announcing our 2025 student leaders: Fred and Elliana as Captains, Henry and Alina as Vice Captains, and Carson, Arabella, Violet, Vivienne, Matilda and Laurie as Prefects. A heartfelt thank you to our 2024 leaders— Dominik, Zoe, Jacob, Lily, Tay, Harrison, Lincoln, Maddison, Zoe and Archer—for your outstanding leadership and representation of our school throughout the year.

On Friday, families received their child's semester reports, providing a detailed overview of their progress and achievements. These reports are designed to help families understand their child's learning journey and provide guidance for future growth.

Last night, Year 6 celebrated their 7 years of primary schooling with the annual Year 6 Farewell in our newly refurbished hall! It was a night filled with joy, laughter, and plenty of dancing! A huge thank you to Miss Karen, Mr Craythorn, Mr Stanford and his team who contributed to making this event such a memorable occasion.

On Friday, our lower field buzzed with excitement during the annual Student vs. Teacher soccer match. Both teams brought their best game in this fiercely contested match, with the teachers emerging victorious with a 2-0 win. Well played to all, and better luck next year, students!

As we wrap up the year, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to our exceptional teaching staff, SLSOs, SASS staff, and GA. Your passion, teamwork, and commitment to our students and their families are nothing short of inspiring. I see the countless hours you dedicate and the care you pour into making GPS a supportive and thriving learning environment.

Thank you all for an amazing year. Stay safe, enjoy the holidays, and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2025!

Thanks, Nick Campbell Relieving Principal



2025 School Supplies

In the past Grafton PS has put out a list of optional items that families could supply for the start of the school year.

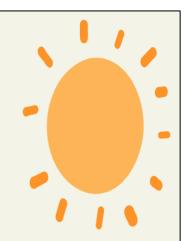
For next year in 2025, we are not requesting that any equipment be sent in; however, you may like to provide a special library bag for borrowing and a pair of headphones (not Bluetooth) for use with technology in the classroom.

Years 3-6 may also like to bring their own small pencil case.

Important Messages

2025 Year 4 Excursion





19TH MARCH - 21ST MARCH

Please log into School Bytes to give permission for your child to attend this camp in 2025 as numbers are required for organisation during the holidays.

COFFS COAST ADVENTURE CENTRE ONLINE FORMS DUE BY FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2025

https://book.venue.life/ccac/register/3141-grafton-public school-year-4-camp



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.

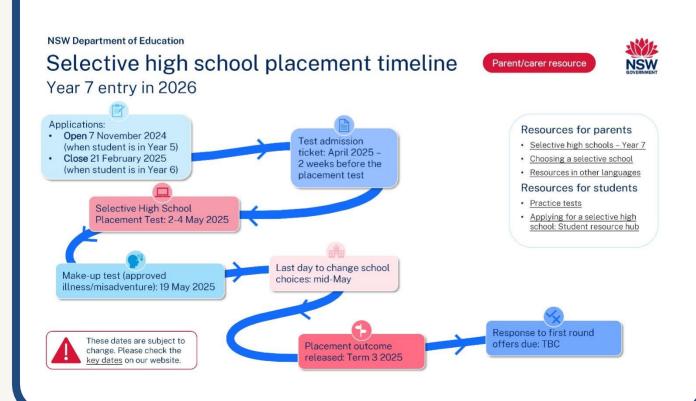
Parents apply when their child is at the end of Year 5 or the beginning of Year 6 for placement in a selective high school in Year 7. The students will sit a placement test in Term 2 of Year 6.

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

Link for the application page:

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



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.



Tell us where safer crossings are needed to support kids walking and riding to schools in Grafton.

This survey is for parents, secondary school students and teachers going to schools in Grafton, to inform the design of future crossings.

The survey has been developed by Clarence Valley Council's consultant for this project, Sidelines Traffic.

No personal information is requested.





SHPN (CHP) 15032

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



Keep anyone with a cough away from your newborn especially until your

baby has had 3 whooping cough vaccines.



Register NOW

grafton.nswtouch.com.au/local/summer



JEWELLERY MAKING WORKSHOP

Monday 6th January, 2pm to 4pm Lawrence Community Hall, Lawrence Bookings essential text – 0478 099 905

YOUTH WELLBEING CHECK-IN & PIZZA

Monday 6th January, 2pm to 4pm Iluka Skate Park, Iluka

LASER SKIRMISH

Monday 6th January, 4pm to 6pm Iluka Skate Park, Iluka Just turn un!

LASER SKIRMISH

Tuesday 7th January, 4pm to 6pm Market Square, Grafton Just turn up!

DREAMCATCHER WORKSHOP

Wednesday 8th January, 10am to 12noon Copmanhurst Hall, Copmanhurst Bookings essential text – 0478 099 905

OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION

Basketball & Pizza
Wednesday 8th January, 3:30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box, Wherrett Park, Maclean Just turn up!

SURF LESSONS

Thursday 9th January, 9am to 12noon Main Beach, Brooms Head Bookings essential text – 0447 693 863

OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION Soccer & Toasties

Friday 10th January, 3:30pm to 5pm Out of the Box, Yamba Skate Park, Yamba Just turn up!













CLARENCE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 12-18!

DROP-IN - ART & MUSIC

Monday 13th January, 3:30pm to 5pm Coutts Crossing Skate Park, Coutts Crossing
Just turn up!

WOODBURNING, CLAY MAKING & WEAVING

Monday 13th January, 10am to 12noon Brooms Head Community Hall, Brooms Head Just turn up!

YOUTH WELLBEING CHECK-IN & PIZZA

Monday 13th January, 2pm to 4pm Iluka Skate Park Iluka Just turn up

LASER SKIRMISH

Tuesday 14th January, 4pm to 6pm Bailey Park, Ulmarra Just turn up!

WEARABLE ART WORKSHOP

Wednesday 15th January, 2pm to 4pm Glenreagh Community Hall, Glenreagh Bookings essential text – 0414 284 150

OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION

Bullrush, Art & Pizza Wednesday 15th January, 3:30pm to 5pm Out of the Box, Wherrett Park, Maclean Just turn up!

Thursday 16th January, 9am to 12noon Main Beach, Minnie Water Bookings essential text – 0447 693 863

WOODBURNING WORKSHOP

Friday 17th January, 10am to 12noon Iluka Community Hall Iluka Bookings essential text – 0475 428 003

OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION

Handball Competition
Friday 17th January, 3:30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box, Yamba Skate Park, Yamba Just turn up!













WEEK 4



DROP-IN - ASK, BBQ & MINI GAMES

Monday 20th January, 3:30pm to 5pm Coutts Crossing Skate Park, Coutts Crossing

YOUTH WELLBEING CHECK-IN & PIZZA

Monday 20th January, 2pm to 4pm Iluka Skate Park, Iluka

GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP

Monday 20th January, 4pm to 6pm Nip Welsh Park, Minnie Water Bookings essential text – 0423 134 173

GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP

Tuesday 21st January, 4pm to 6pm Pirate Park, South Grafton Bookings essential text – 0423 134 173

WEARABLE ART WORKSHOP

Wednesday 22nd January, 2pm to 4pm Dundurrabin Primary School, Dundurrabin Bookings essential text – 0414 284 150

OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION

Skateboard Art & Pizza Wednesday 22nd January, 3:30pm to 5pm Out of the Box, Wherrett Park, Maclean Just turn up!

SKATE & CREATE

Wednesday 22nd January, 4:30pm to 6:30pm Grafton Slate Park, Grafton Bookings essential register - https://www.eventbrite.com.au.

Thursday 23rd January, 4pm to 6pm Woombah Park, Woombah Bookings essential text - 0423 134 173

SKATE & CREATE

Friday 24th January, 4:30pm to 6:30pm Wooli Skate Park, Wooli

Bookings essential register -https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wo skateboarding-learn-to-skate-with-s

OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION

Surfboard Art & Soccer Friday 24th January, 3:30pm to 5pm Out of the Box, Yamba Skate Park, Yamba Just turn up!















LASER SKIRMISH

Tuesday 28th January, 4pm to 6pm Lawrence Memorial Park, Lawrence Just turn up!

SURF LESSONS

Tuesday 28th January, 9am to 12noon Turners Beach, Yamba Bookings essential text – 0447 693 863

OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION

Basketball & Pizza

Wednesday 29th January, 3:30pm to 5pm Just turn up!

WEARABLE ART WORKSHOP

Wednesday 29th January, 10:30am to 12:30pm Grafton Regional Gallery, Grafton Bookings essential text – 0414 284 150

LASER SKIRMISH

Thursday 30th January, 4pm to 6pm Townsend Park, Townsend Just turn up!

OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION

Surfboard Art & Soccer Friday 31st January, 3:30pm to 5pm Out of the Box, Yamba Skate Park, Yamba Just turn up!













2024 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER 2024 TO WED 5 FEBRUARY 2025

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"

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 you need to use your Xplor home app. All dates for vacation care will be released on Xplor for bookings from Monday 25 November 2024.

Parents will also be advised its live on the app through a notification sent to their Xplor app.

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO BOOKINGS BEING ACCEPTED.

The minimum notice required to cancel a Vacation Care booking where no charge will apply is 2 weeks notice.

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

<u>FEES:</u> 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 be 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	THURS 19/12/24	FRI 20/12/24	MON 23/12/24	TUES 24/12/24	FRI 27/12/24	MON 30/12/24	TUES 31/12/24
	IN CENTRE H20 = WATER	EXCURSION + 16 - MOVIES	IN CENTRE - CHRISTMAS	EXCURSION + \$16	IN CENTRE - "FORMULA 1"	EXCURSION +\$10	IN CENTRE
SOMMER	Water makes up 60% of	MUFASA -THIE LION KING	COUNTDOWN	CARNIVAL CAPERS	Get your adrenalin	COFFS POOL - PCYC	NEW YEARS EVE PARTY!!!
PROGRAM	your body weight. It also	king of the	Five more sleensIII Santa	we anxions by await the	pumping as the centre is		2024 Is almost over, so it s
201700	earth's surface We've had	Pride Lands.	and his elves are packing	arrival of the Jetty Carnival	drivers dream! If it's not	We're off to the Coffs pool	the new! Get ready to party
67/4707	enough lately that we can	and he is	the sleigh & harnessing the	because it is opening in the	wheels, rolls or can be	today to soak up the sun!	hard & celebrate the
C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C	afford to waste a bit today!	determined for	reindeers ready for take-off!	afternoon JUST FOR US!!!	pushed, we're going to put	Will you conquer "the	approach of a bigger, better
NB Due to tack	Wet & wild fun with water	his cub to follow in his	We've got some last-	By far and away our best	it to the test! (A Tim-Tam	Buccaneer?" It's our	and brighter 2025!!!
of printing space	bombs, water pistols, slip &	the origins of his late father	minute gifts and crafts to	Value for money excursion	Race Car also goes real	ultimate water toy! So come	Loads of
only days we	bubbles wet	Mufasa." THEN we'll head off	hilarious games to play	to boot!	vour stomach ^{III})	wet and wild fun as we	prizes, party
open are shown	felting & more!	for play at the park.	before he comes!	900		swim, splash and play!	games and fun!!
THURS 2/1/25	FRI 3/1/25	MON 6/1/25	TUES 7/1/25	WED 8/1/25	THURS 9/1/25	FRI 10/1/25	MON 13/1 25
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	dark recesses of your inner	A trip to Woolgoolga	the first time,	aoina to aive vou a little	3 years old when	Mazdas and	Join us for some "rockin",
The Magical Mystery Tour is	psyche or plastered all over	is in order today to	don't make the	taste of Africal A day of	he started, so hurry up,	Manga to Samurais,	rollin', ridin" good old-
A fantastic day of fin	you and bursting out of your	scavenge the beach for	mistake of missing it	amazing games, crafts and	you're late! Enjoy a day out	Sumos and Sushi,	fashioned fun travelling
awaits with a rolling	skin, there is a STAR in all	chip capdwiches for lunch	again!!! By popular	activities taken from the	at Colls Golf Range where	Japan has given	through Coffs hinterland on
scavenger hunt, prizes and	or us waiting to be released	(included) a swim & splash	dernand, the Jetty Carrilval	continent that's as old as	you'll dilp, putt, alla alive	itome and pactimes to have	"Howarte Express!" Add in
hot chip sandwiches for	through all aspects of	a play in the park and a	affemon IIST FOR US	time, the nome of some	head off for to the reserve	some fun with todayl You	a picnic linch and
lunch I'd tell you where we	production today to ready	stroll on the headland to	It's fantastic value for a	unique, amazing	to enjoy a picnic, lots of	can also help us get	a splash & swim
are going, except I don't	you for your 15 seconds of	look for any slow whales, it	great day of unlimited rides,	birthplace of	games, activities and a	Pikachu on the bus. We're	at the reserve for
NIOW III) Sell !!!	fame on the big stage!	makes for a perfect day!	fun and excitement	mankind!	splash & swim.	gonna try and Poke Him On	a great day out!
TUES 14/1/25	WED 15/1/25	THURS 16/1/25	FRI 17/1/25	MON 20/1/25	TUES 21/1/25	WED 22/1/25	THURS 23/1/25
EXCURSION + 16 -MOVIES	IN CENTRE -MAGIC MINDS	EXCURSION +\$16	IN CENTRE- WATERWORLD	EXCURSION +\$17	EXCURSION + \$16	INCURSION + \$10	EXCURSION + \$16
Join Paddington as he and	as voil enfer a	***	today where the	It's back to school today.	LAST CHANCE to	WORKSHOP	WAIEN FANN
the Brown family embark on	world of Wonder.	into a human	water is everwhere.	surf school!! Learn how to	enjoy "all the fun	In 1952	N F L ZZ
a thrilling journey through	Magic and Enchantment!	"superball" today and go	and every splash leads to	Hang 5, 10 & even 20	of the fair!" at the fantastic	Jackson	Summer sliding fun awaits
the Amazon rainforest and	It's a day filled with strange	bouncing off the floor, walls	fun! Beat the summer heat	(really clever!) Essentials	Jetty Carnival! We can't get	Pollock created the artwork	at our favourite Big Banana
up to the mountain peaks of	activities, mind games and	and celling with your	with a host of activities and	Skills for the Australian	"volue for money" day of	valued at \$500m IIMMY	Water slides!!!
we'll head off	mysterious surprises! Come	swim splash & a play and	games that II keep you cool	nrofessionals while playing	find Bring volle swimmers	WAGS and TULLI STEVENS	(Optional \$2 folly bags
for a play at the	of the greatest "Harry's" that	eniov a picnic at the	watch out for our slime	& having fun. Add in a	today to cool off with	are more talented and	head off for a picnic at the
park.	have ever lived! (Potter and Houdini that is!)	reserve. (Wear active clothes and socks today)	dunk!(spare clothes might	picnic lunch, games and a lazy swim!	a splash and a play at the Jetty Foreshores.	they're back to teach you how you can do it too!	beach reserve tops off a great day of fun!
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SUMMER SURVIVAL	THE REPTILE MAN	SHERWOOD INDOOR	MAGIC BEACH	YEAR! CHINA STYLE!!!	COFFS POOL	GUINESS BOOK	BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ
An action-packed day of	Today we get to	Reing allowed to folich and	"The extraordinary,	The Chinese calendar year	We're off to the Coffs pool	OF RECORDS The 2025 edition	School starts tomorrow, but
and teamwork awaits as we	fascinating "moving bags"	play with the dangerous	animated adventures of	calendarl Like Faster	Will voll condiler "the	is being released	time for one last hurrahl
help vou beat the heat	as we enjoy some creepy.	stuff that your parents	hook will take vou to a	dates align with the cycles	Buccaneer?" It's our	and it's not too late to put	Let's whiz down to the local
while making the most of	crawly fun with a live show	never let you touch is	dreamy seaside world	of the moon and change	ultimate water toy! So come	you in it! Whether it's the	Reserve to chuck a snag or
summer's fiery fun. Don't	from our friends at Reptile	7	where anything is possible."	every year! So why have	along for a glorious day of	biggest, tallest, longest,	two on the Barbie, play
forget your hat and	World and a day is filled	as bring out	THEN we'll head off for a	one party when you can	wet and wild fun as we	disquistingest today vou	games, have a splash &
engine as this day	activities that have	your inner	Park.	and games with an	Swift, spidsh and play:	can set the bar and show	out of or
is too hot to handle!	a "saurian slant!"	ROBIN HOOD!		Oriental twist awaits!		us your whacky, weird and	last day of freedom!
						wonderful nidden talents:	(lunch provided)







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

