



# GRAFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 WEEK 10 – FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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## Like us on Facebook

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

## Upcoming Events

10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Picnic
11 <sup>th</sup> April	Wheelathon Major Fundraiser
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Anzac Day
30 <sup>th</sup> April	School resumes for Term 2

*For all students K-6*

## EASTER PICNIC

*Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 1pm*

We invite all families into our beautiful school grounds for an Easter Picnic at the Primary Campus. BYO lunch or the canteen is having an "Easter Picnic Special".

All welcome. Gates will open at 12.45pm.  
There will be some seating available however guests may choose to bring their own fold-up chairs or picnic rug.

*The P and C Easter Raffle will be drawn during lunch.  
Have you bought your raffle tickets yet?*

## Mosquito Alert

Following the recent rain, mosquitoes are everywhere on both campuses.

If you have a child who reacts to mosquito bites, we strongly suggest that you spray or rub a repellent on them before they leave home in the morning.

Please do not send the repellent to school with your child.



## 25 APRIL

### ANZAC DAY

Although ANZAC Day is at the end of the holidays, Grafton Public School would like to be well represented at the city's march and invite all students from Kinder to Year 6 to join us.

Assemble at Market Square and report to attending staff no later than 9.15 am for the march which will begin at 9.30 am. Please ensure that you get your name marked off to receive your Community Service Award.

Full school uniform please.



## Relieving Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been another wet fortnight here at school, with consistent rain making it a challenge for our students to enjoy outdoor activities. We are hopeful that our fields will dry out soon, allowing our students some much-needed time to run around and play.

This fortnight, our Year 5 students had an incredible experience participating in Surf School in Woolgoolga. They learned about rips, currents and, of course, the essential skills of surfing. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to engage with the ocean and develop their confidence in the water.

We were fortunate to have a break in the weather that allowed us to hold our annual Cross Country event. The atmosphere on the day was electric, and it was wonderful to see our students embracing house spirit. A big thank you to everyone who participated and supported the event, particularly to Mr Stanford who was outstanding on the microphone!

In addition to these activities, our school has undergone a fantastic visual transformation. Beautiful pictures have been placed around the school, and I would like to extend a special thank you to Mr Michael Duroux for his incredible work in creating the stunning 30-metre aboriginal artwork in one of our walkways. It truly enhances our school environment.

Looking ahead, the last week of term promises to be action-packed with our inaugural Easter Picnic and Heel and our Wheelathon major fundraiser. We are excited to see our community come together for these events.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,  
Nick Campbell  
Relieving Principal



### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF GRAFTON PUBLIC PARENTS AND CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION

BECOME A 2025 MEMBER FOR JUST \$2

VOLUNTEER AS TREASURER OR SECRETARY ON OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

JOIN US TO HELP IMPROVE THE EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITIES OF ALL GPS STUDENTS

**TUESDAY 8 APRIL 2025 - PRIMARY CAMPUS LIBRARY 5:30PM - KIDS WELCOME!**



# Important Messages



## **SRC Easter Egg Guessing Competition**

Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at lunchtime at both the Infants and Primary Campuses.

For just 20c a guess, students can guess how many eggs are in the large jar.


Winners announced at the Easter Picnic.

Primary students can lodge their guess near the library during second lunch.

Infants guesses will be co-ordinated by class teachers.



## **MAJOR FUNDRAISER 2025 HEEL AND WHEELATHON FRIDAY 11TH APRIL**



We would appreciate your help raising money for our school. The money raised is being used to purchase resources for our school. On our wishlist is:

- Additional playground equipment
- Extensive art supplies for different art styles
- Maths resources
- Sports Equipment

and we are hoping for more.

Please create an online profile for your child and assist us in this endeavour.  
Please also remember to do the permissions on School Bytes






Our annual Cross Country event was held yesterday in trying conditions. The ground was muddy and it drizzled rain for most of the time yet participation numbers were high. We were so proud of all of our students for giving it a go.

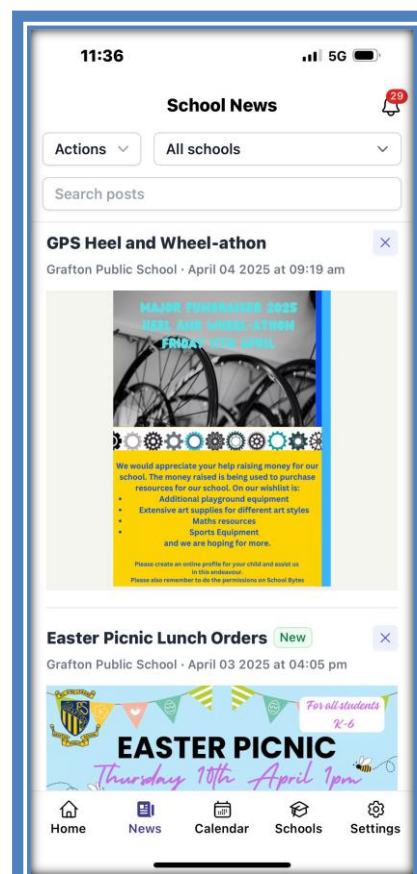




# Important Messages

## School Bytes Notifications

Please consider turning your notifications on for your School Bytes app. If your notifications are on, you will instantly see any quick reminders and messages we send out to the parent portal. You can also access these messages by clicking on your notifications icon. 



In Term 2, we are offering our students the opportunity to participate in the NSW Public Schools Student Survey. The survey gives students the chance to share their thoughts and feelings about life at school, including questions about their engagement, learning experiences and wellbeing at school.

Hearing directly from our students will help us understand what's working well and where improvements can be made to our school. The survey is confidential, takes around 10 to 15 minutes to complete, and will be conducted online during school hours. Participation is voluntary. If you prefer your child not to participate, please complete the opt-out consent form, which will be sent home soon, and return it to the school. Further information about the survey is available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/npss>

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**JUNCTION HILL TENNIS CLUB INVITES YOU TO ATTEND AND SUPPORT**

## 12HR

TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL  
**MARATHON**

Darren will be taking on the incredible challenge of playing tennis and pickleball non-stop for 12 hours!

**ALL FUNDS DONATED TO LOVE YOUR SISTER**

Join us courtside with special guest Samuel Johnson at Junction Hill Tennis club and support Darren's incredible effort while enjoying a fantastic day of tennis and pickleball for a great cause!

**SATURDAY 5TH APRIL**  
FROM 6AM TO 6PM



**DONATE** ❤️

Enjoy a game of tennis or pickleball!

## 12HR

TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL  
**MARATHON**

### EVENT SCHEDULE

<b>6AM TO 6PM</b>	<b>SUPPORT DARREN ON COURT</b>	<b>9.30am</b> CWA Cake Stall
<b>\$5</b> Per session	<b>COLOUR RUN</b> Session 1 12.30pm - 1pm Session 2 1.30pm - 2pm	
<b>FM 103.1 LIVE AT THE COURTS FOR 12HRS</b>		
<b>From 6am</b> La'more Coffee	<b>Jumping Castle</b> 9am - 3pm	<b>10am - 12pm</b> Face Painting
<b>ALL DAY</b> JHTC Canteen • Breakfast • Lunch • Drinks and more		
<b>3 pm</b> Meet Samuel Johnson Lots of prizes • Spinning wheel • Raffle • 100 Club		
<b>5 pm</b> The final game featuring Samuel Johnson		

## GIRLS BASKETBALL CLINIC

Raymond Laurie Sports Centre  
Yamba, New South Wales

**Tuesday 8 April**  
5:00pm - 7:00pm  
8+ years old

**SPECIAL GUESTS**  
Nat Hurst  
Mikaela Ruef



**SHE HOOPS**  
Play Our Way

Australian Government

**BASKETBALL NSW**

## SHE HOOPS

Play Our Way

### Leadership Workshop

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7:00pm - 9:00pm



**BASKETBALL NSW**

Australian Government



# COMMUNITY NOTICES



## Holiday Program

*Day 1*  
Skill Identification

Tuesday  
15th April  
9-12:30pm



*Day 2*  
Pathway exploration

Wednesday  
16th April  
9-12:30pm



*Day 3*  
Future planning

Thursday  
17th April  
9-12:30pm



### Pathways explored

- Arts and Communication
- Health Sciences
- Built Environment
- Law and Justice
- Paddock to Plate

My Future CV is an interactive program designed for **Year 6** students to:

- Encourage **lifelong learning**
- Raise **aspirations**
- Elevate self-awareness of **transferable skills**
- Introduce future **educational pathways**

Through **engaging hands-on activities**, students will identify their own skills and explore what they look like in the context of many **different careers**.

Register using the link or QR code

<https://forms.office.com/r/wltMG3w0dX>



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## GRAFTON LOCAL AECG



New South Wales  
**Aboriginal Education  
Consultative Group Inc.**

The 2024 Local Grafton Executive committee would like to acknowledge the tradition owners of the land which we work, live and dream.

### What is the AECG?

The NSW AECG is a not for profit Aboriginal organisation that provides advice on all matters relevant to education. This advice represents the Aboriginal community viewpoint so it is essential that local voices are heard.

### What do we do?

The Local Grafton AECG provides critical advice and support to school principals and their teams. All members of the community are welcome and Aboriginal adults (18 years and older) may vote and hold office bearers' positions.

### How do you have a voice?

We encourage you to consider attending the Grafton Local AECG Meetings and become a member to learn more about what is happening in our schools, and to provide input and advice to support school improvement and your child's education.

## General meeting

**4pm Tuesday 8 April 2025**  
**CVAS Clarenza Campus**

Please contact one of our local reps for more information or questions and/or email us on [graftonlocalaecg@gmail.com](mailto:graftonlocalaecg@gmail.com)



Lisa Laurie  
President



Tara Chevalley  
Vice President



Shonelle Pholi  
Treasurer



Taya Wear  
Secretary



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## CLARENCE VALLEY YOUTH WEEK 9 APRIL TO 17 APRIL 2025

ALL EVENTS ARE  
**FREE!**

WED 9 APRIL - 10AM-2PM  
INTERSCHOOLS TOUCH  
GALA DAY - HIGH SCHOOL  
JJ LAWRENCE PARK, STH GRAFTON

WED 9 APRIL - 3.30PM-5PM  
OUT OF THE BOX SESSION  
WHERRETT PARK, MACLEAN

THU 10 APRIL - 10AM-2PM  
INTERSCHOOLS TOUCH  
GALA DAY - PRIMARY SCHOOL  
JJ LAWRENCE PARK, STH GRAFTON

FRI 11 APRIL - 3.30PM-6.30PM  
SCHOOLS OUT POOL PARTY  
CLARENCE REGIONAL AQUATIC  
CENTRE, GRAFTON

FRI 11 APRIL - 3.30PM-5PM  
OUT OF THE BOX SESSION  
YAMBA SKATE PARK

SAT 12 APRIL - 1PM-5PM  
CANE HARVEST FESTIVAL  
YOUTH MARKET  
CAMERON PARK, MACLEAN

SUN 13 APRIL - 7.30AM-10.30AM  
YOUTH RUN FOR MENTAL HEALTH  
MEMORIAL PARK, GRAFTON

MON 14 APRIL - 10AM-2.30PM  
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT  
JJ LAWRENCE PARK, STH GRAFTON

MON 14 APRIL - 2PM-4PM  
GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP  
LAWRENCE MEMORIAL PARK, LAWRENCE

MON 14 APRIL - 5.30PM-7.30PM  
ACON SALON READING (18+ EVENT)  
GRAFTON LIBRARY

TUE 15 APRIL - 9AM-12PM  
COLOUR FUN RUN  
WHERRETT PARK, MACLEAN

TUE 15 APRIL - 2PM-4PM  
GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP  
ILUKA SKATE PARK

WED 16 APRIL - 11AM-3PM  
SKATE COMPETITION  
& ART IN THE PARK  
YAMBA SKATE PARK

WED 16 APRIL - 3.30PM-5PM  
OUT OF THE BOX SESSION  
WHERRETT PARK, MACLEAN

WED 16 APRIL - 3PM-5PM  
LASER SKIRMISH  
SHANNON PARK, GLENREACH

THU 17 APRIL - 10AM-3PM  
PCYC OPEN DAY  
& FITNESS EVENT  
PCYC GRAFTON

THU 17 APRIL - 3PM-5PM  
LASER SKIRMISH  
NIP WELSH PARK, MINNIE WATER

THU 17 APRIL - 5PM-9PM  
LIVE 'N' LOUD AT THE LIBRARY  
GRAFTON LIBRARY

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ALL YOUTH WEEK EVENTS ARE DRUG, ALCOHOL AND VAPE FREE. UNDER 12'S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT.  
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. PLEASE CONTACT ALLIRA 0428 420 908 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO MAKE A BOOKING.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**CVCON**

CLARENCE VALLEY CONSERVATORIUM



ASSOCIATION OF  
**NSW REGIONAL**  
CONSERVATORIALS



## BOOM BANG BLAST

**MONDAY 28 APRIL 9:00AM-2:30PM**  
**CONCERT AT 2:00PM**

FOR STUDENTS LEARNING A BAND INSTRUMENT  
WITH UP TO 18 MONTHS EXPERIENCE

TO REGISTER VISIT [WWW.CVCON.NSW.EDU.AU](http://WWW.CVCON.NSW.EDU.AU) OR PHONE 6643 3555



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

Come try cycling in a safe and supportive environment!

## WOMEN AND GIRLS SOCIAL BIKE RIDE

New to cycling? Looking for a supportive group to ride with?

Join our FREE social bike rides led by trained Auscycle Ride Leaders—a fun, safe way for women and girls to gain confidence and build skills!

### WHY JOIN ?

- Ride in a fun & friendly group
- Build skills & confidence
- Meet like-minded women & girls
- Learn from trained ride leaders
- Pathways to social & competitive cycling

### LOCATIONS INCLUDE:

Criterion track Junction Hill, cycle paths, quiet local roads, Bom Bom State Forest trails & more!

No one to ride with? No problem! Join our community and find your riding buddies.

### LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE – REGISTER NOW!

 **Contact Us**  
Susan Polsen 0422414198  
Laurelea Moss 0410609488

 **More Information**  
<https://www.facebook.com/grafoncycleclub/>  
OR <https://www.grafoncycleclub.com.au/>

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## APRIL-JULY

SAFE & SCENIC ROUTES  
BEGINNING WITH  
OFF-ROAD

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

**LEARN, PLAY & GROW**



**BASKETBALL**



**GYMNASTICS**



**NERF/LASER TAG**



**ESCAPE ROOMS**



**CRAFTS**



**PICKLEBALL**



**OZ TAG**



**FUTSAL**

And more! Kids Vouchers Accepted  
Book 2 days, and get the 3rd at 50% off



**BOOK NOW**

**PCYC**



# COMMUNITY NOTICES



**WE LOVE OUR JUNIOR EXHIBITORS**

Class 8085 Eggs, white, 6  
Class 8086 Eggs, brown, 6  
Class 8087 Eggs, tinted, 6  
Class 8088 Pumpkin, any variety, 1  
Class 8089 Lemons, any variety, 3  
Class 8090 Collection of fruit or vegetables  
Class 8091 Decorated fruit or vegetable  
Class 8092 Edible necklace made from fruit or vegetables

**OUR JUNIOR CLASSES ARE FREE TO ENTER & EVERY JUNIOR GETS A PRIZE!**



## Gumboot Decorating

A feature at the 2025 Grafton Show  
Farm Produce Pavilion



 Categories for all ages-  
3-6 years  
7-10 years  
11-14 years  
& Open  
Singular boots only

*Will your boots be 'best in show'?*

 Great prizes thanks  
to our friends at.....



GRAFTON | YAMBA

## Grafton Show Farm Produce EDIBLE BOUQUET



Class 8097 - open to all preschools & primary schools  
Class 8098 - open to all high schools  
Class 8099 - open to all aged & residential care facilities  
Class 9000 - open to everyone!



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

**LIFE  
WITHOUT  
BARRIERS**



*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.



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**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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