



# GRAFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 WEEK 5 – FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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## Upcoming Events

3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Grafton Eisteddfod
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9 <sup>th</sup> June	Long Weekend
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4 <sup>th</sup> June	Prize Collection Afternoon
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12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Excursion
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## Website

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

## Like us on Facebook

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



## TAREE FLOOD DONATION DRIVE



Maclean  
District  
BUSINESS CHAMBER



We have all seen the devastation of the recent floods down in the Taree area and our hearts break for those many families affected.

We have decided to join in the Taree Flood Donation Drive being conducted by Maclean District Business Chamber and Clarence Valley Community Information.

We are not asking for money. If you are in a position to assist, you may like to choose something from the list below and send it in to school in the next few days. We will assemble all contributions and deliver them to Maclean after school next Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June.

It is a short time span however the sooner we can help the better. There is no obligation to assist, it's your family's choice. We are sure that all help, no matter how small, will be appreciated.

Items requested include: toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo etc), dishwashing gloves, white vinegar, paper towel, pegs, socks, zip lock bags, notebooks, colouring-in books, pens and pencils, brushes and small tins of pet food.

## Relieving Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we get into the colder months, I want to remind everyone about the importance of wearing our school uniform. It's important for students to dress in the correct uniform, including jackets and jumpers. To help avoid losing these items, please make sure to label them with your child's name. This will help us return any lost clothing to the right person. In both the Infants and Primary front office we have a clothing pool where parents/carers can purchase used (washed) uniform items. If you are unsure of the current uniform requirements, please see the following link to our website:

<https://grafton-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/uniform.html>

I'm also excited to talk about the upcoming Grafton Eisteddfod, where many of our students will have the chance to show off their talents. They have been working hard in their rehearsals, and I know they will do a fantastic job. We can't wait to celebrate their performances and the effort they have put in.

Additionally, I want to let you know about some improvements happening at the front of both the Infants and Primary Campuses. We are making the entrance look nicer and more welcoming. I apologise for any trouble this may cause, as access to the front of the campuses might be limited while the work is going on. Thank you for your understanding.

Recently, we held a special badging ceremony to recognise our STAR students who have been doing amazing things. It was wonderful to see so many students celebrated for their hard work and achievements. This event encourages all students to keep trying their best and support each other. A special shout out to Henry who received his Gold badge!

Earlier this week we had our school photos taken. It was wonderful to see all the students looking their best and smiling for the camera. These photos are a great way to capture memories of this school year, and we are looking forward to sharing them with you soon.

Have a great weekend!

Warm regards,  
Nick Campbell  
Relieving Principal



## Grafton Public P&C - Note from the President

The Grafton Public School P&C last met on 13th May at the Library on the Primary Campus. Meetings are at 5:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month during school terms and anyone is welcome to come along - kids too!

### At the meeting we discussed:

- The P&C Trivia night is being held on 14th June at GDSC. This will be a great event, hosted by Desan Padayachee. Tables of 8 will compete for prizes and join in some fun games. Food will be available on the night and for pre-order through the GDSC.
- The Mother's Day stalls, which were held on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May on both campuses raised a terrific amount of money and hopefully made sure that all GPS mums felt the love on Mother's Day. A big thanks to Bec Milligan, Daniel Bender, Anna Walsh, Belinda Wormald and Jane Sinclair for volunteering their time to make the stalls happen. Also, a big thanks to Sue Boyle for her generous donations.
- We are seeking businesses to sponsor/donate goods for the trivia night. If you are able to assist or have ideas and suggestions, please send them to [president@graftonpublicpandc.org](mailto:president@graftonpublicpandc.org)

### What was decided at the meeting:

- The P&C will fund resources to create an imaginative play area at the Infants Campus, to gauge effectiveness and determine whether more would be beneficial.

If you'd like to get in touch with us or have questions about how the P&C operates/how you can help, you can contact me on [president@graftonpublicpandc.org](mailto:president@graftonpublicpandc.org) or talk to Tayla on [secretary@graftonpublicpandc.org](mailto:secretary@graftonpublicpandc.org).

All the best,  
Duncan McKimm  
Grafton Public P&C President

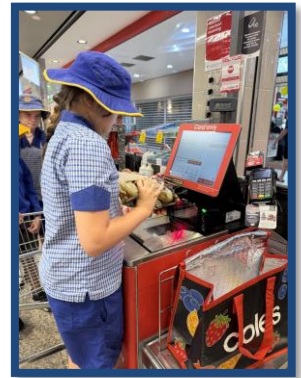


A purple poster for the Grafton Public School P&C Trivia Night. The text 'Grafton Public School P&C' is at the top. Below it, 'Trivia Night' is written in large, stylized white letters with a red outline. Underneath, a yellow banner says '@ THE GDSC'. The date and time 'SATURDAY 14 JUNE 6:30 PM' are prominently displayed. A QR code is shown with the text 'Book your table of 8 here!'. At the bottom, it says '18+ event', 'Meals available for pre-purchase or on the night via GDSC', and provides the email 'secretary@graftonpublicpandc.org'.



A white poster with a black border titled 'Would your business like to sponsor the P&C Trivia Night?'. It features a central sunburst graphic with the text 'Over \$1400 raised already!'. To the right, a QR code is labeled 'SCAN ME' with the text 'To join these great businesses as a sponsor of the Trivia night on 14 June just scan the QR code or email president@graftonpublicpandc.org' and 'Donations are tax deductible'. The bottom of the poster displays logos for various sponsors: Giordano Business Consulting, McKimm, RayWhite, Herb Blanchard Haulage, Marshall Nollans Hardwoods MNH, SportsPower, White Associates, NewsPower, and Gibson Governance.





On Thursday Hub 5 went on a little walking excursion, enjoying the sunshine! They explored the Art Gallery, in awe of the exhibition named Anatomy Lessons by Michele Beevors. 17 years in the making, the life-sized knitted skeletons are educating humans and asking them to care. The Anatomy Lessons are on at the Grafton Gallery until July 13. Hub 5 walked back via Coles to do their Friday cooking shop.



# Important Messages

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



**REMINDER**

Prize Collection Afternoon  
Wednesday 4th June  
2.30pm till 5.15pm  
in the library on the  
Primary Campus

## Canteen News

**CLOSED**

**Please note that our canteen  
will be closed on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
due to a family bereavement.**

**We appreciate your  
understanding.**

**Canteen will re-open as normal  
on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June.**





# Important Messages

## Clarifying Confusion Over Award Emails

Now that our award system is on School Bytes, parents are advised by email if their child is receiving a weekly award (an academic award, a positive conduct award or a community service and citizenship award) at their Stage assemblies. The reason they are receiving the award will now be printed on the certificate. These weekly assemblies are held during class time and parents do not attend.

Parents are invited to attend our award ceremonies which are held twice a term and will receive an emailed invitation, stating the date and time, if their child is receiving a Deputy Principal's Award, a Principal's Award, or a Bronze, Silver or Gold Badge.

## REMINDER

A reminder that all band, choir and instrument hire fees are due by 30th May 2025.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## PLAY LEAGUE STARS:

WHEN: 11/6/2025 - 2/7/2025

TIME: Wednesday 3.00pm - 4.00pm

WHERE: Grafton Public School - Ages: 8-12

Cost \$79

Register at [playnrl.com](http://playnrl.com)



**LEAGUE  
STARS**

A photograph of four children, two boys and two girls, smiling and holding AFL Auskick balls. They are wearing red and black jerseys with the 'nab AFL Auskick' logo. In the background, there is a large red star.

**nab AFL Auskick**

**GOOD CLEAN FUN**

**PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK**

**GRAFTON TIGERS AUSKICK**  
**ELLEM OVAL**  
**THURSDAYS, 5pm-6pm**  
**\$100, INCLUDES AWESOME AUSKICK PACK**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: LAURA GUDZ 0447 323 858

**AFL PLAY**

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

A poster for the Bridges of Hope walk. It features a blue background with a butterfly in the top left. The text 'Bridges of Hope' is in large white letters, followed by 'Do it for Dolly!' in smaller white letters. Below this is a logo for 'ACES FOR THE COMMUNITY' which includes a heart and a person walking. To the right of the logo, it says 'Sunday 1st June at 4pm!'. Further down, it says 'MEET AT MEMORIAL PARK' and 'GO BLUE TO END BULLYING!' with a small image of a blue shirt. At the bottom, it says 'Gold coin donation' next to a heart icon.

**Bridges of Hope**  
**Do it for Dolly!**

**ACES FOR THE COMMUNITY**

**Sunday 1st June at 4pm!**

**MEET AT MEMORIAL PARK**

Join Aces for the Community for our Bridges of Hope walk as we raise funds and awareness for Dolly's Dream of a kinder world, free from bullying!

**GO BLUE TO END BULLYING!**

Gold coin donation

A poster for the CVIAV Clarence Valley Indigenous Art Award 2025. It features a black background with the text 'CVIAV CLARENCE VALLEY INDIGENOUS ART AWARD 2025' in large, bold, white and yellow letters. Below the text is a colorful Indigenous artwork depicting a map of the Clarence Valley region. At the bottom, it says 'ENTRIES NOW OPEN UNTIL FRIDAY 27 JUNE' and 'EXHIBITION ON SHOW SATURDAY 26 JULY - SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER'. It also lists the prizes: 'Acquisitive Award \$5,000 | Emerging Artist Prize \$1,000 | Youth Prize Art Pack \$250' and the location: 'GRAFTON REGIONAL GALLERY - To enter visit [graftongallery.nsw.gov.au](http://graftongallery.nsw.gov.au)'. Logos for Grafton Regional Gallery, Clarence Valley Council, NSW, and Yulgilbar are at the bottom.

**CVIAV**  
**CLARENCE VALLEY**  
**INDIGENOUS**  
**ART AWARD**  
**2025**

**ENTRIES NOW OPEN UNTIL FRIDAY 27 JUNE**

**EXHIBITION ON SHOW**  
SATURDAY 26 JULY - SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Acquisitive Award \$5,000 | Emerging Artist Prize \$1,000 | Youth Prize Art Pack \$250

GRAFTON REGIONAL GALLERY - To enter visit [graftongallery.nsw.gov.au](http://graftongallery.nsw.gov.au)

GRAFTON REGIONAL GALLERY | clarence valley council | NSW | YULGILBAR

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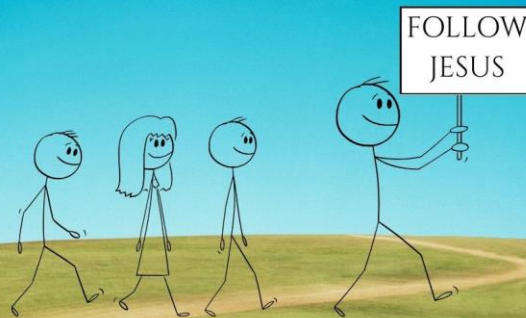
## LET'S FOLLOW JESUS! SPECIAL WEEK!



Come along for some fun and games as we learn  
to follow Jesus!

For kids in K-6

Contact  
Sonya O'Hara  
0416 212 534  
sgpcconnectkids@  
gmail.com



Free ~ Fun ~ Games ~  
Bible ~ Craft

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**  
3:30-5pm  
Connect Church Hall  
Wharf St, South  
Grafton

## Community Health and Wellbeing after the 2019–2020 Bushfires



**FIRE to  
FLOURISH**



**MONASH**  
University

**SURVEY  
NOW OPEN**

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**MAKING MUSIC**  
*Clarence Valley*  
in acknowledgement of Make  
Music Australia Day 2025

SOPHISTICATED BEGGARS

RYAN MARTIN

HATS OFF

SHIP OF THESEUS

PAC V

PW POOLWORKS

Loving Life FM103.1

43.2 FM

BUCKLEY'S MUSIC GROUP

MENU

**SARATON**  
THEATRE - GRAFTON  
THE ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE OF THE COAST

## MAKING MUSIC - CLARENCE VALLEY

This year, we're turning up the volume with a **special evening showcase** at the stunning **Saraton Theatre in Grafton** — a celebration of our vibrant local music scene, happening **Saturday 21st June from 4:00pm to 9:00pm!**

**Tickets are just \$10**, and every dollar goes **directly to the performers and school music programs**. You'll witness an incredible lineup featuring emerging school bands and seasoned local artists who are making waves far beyond the Valley.

**South Grafton High School Band, Ship of Theseus, and Pacific Valley Christian School's PAC V Band**

Our next generation of musicians step into the spotlight, gaining real-world experience on a professional stage with full lighting and sound.