



# GRAFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 WEEK 9 – FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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## Upcoming Events

30<sup>th</sup> June –  
4<sup>th</sup> July

NAIDOC Week

4<sup>th</sup> July

Last day of Term

Tuesday  
22<sup>nd</sup> July

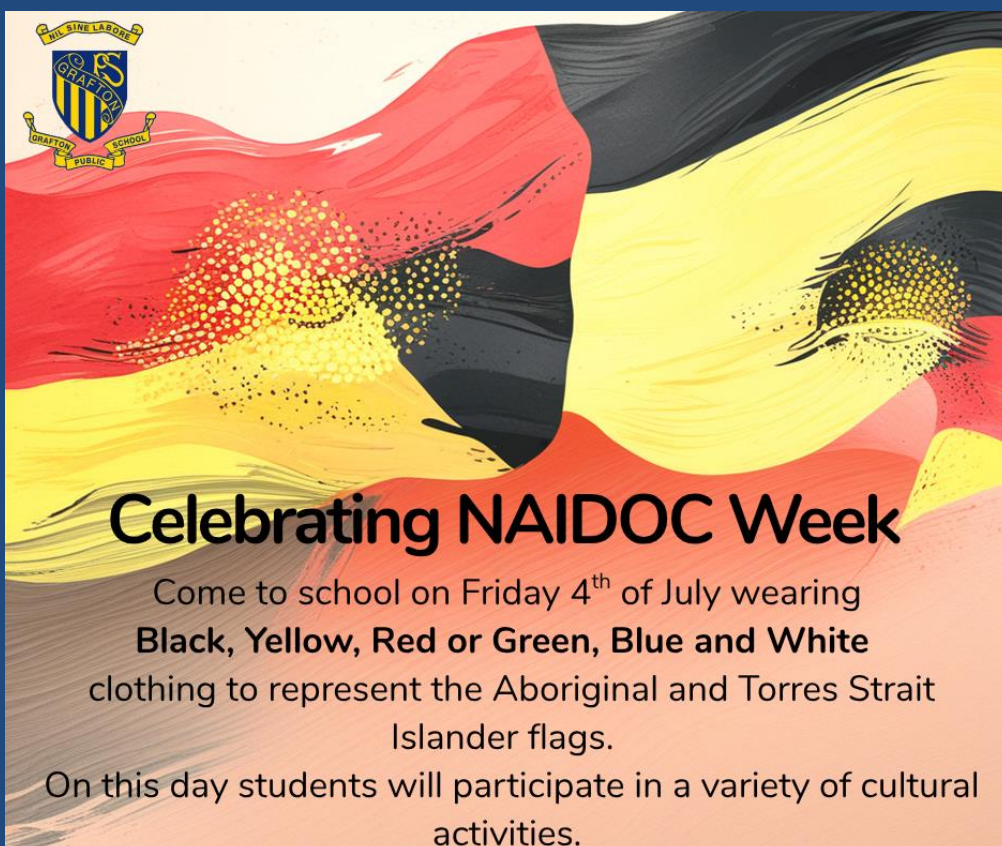
First day back for  
students



School hats can be  
purchased from the  
office.

From the start of  
Term 3, the price of  
the hats will increase  
to \$18 each.

This will be the first price  
rise for hats since 2019.



## Celebrating NAIDOC Week

Come to school on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of July wearing  
**Black, Yellow, Red or Green, Blue and White**  
clothing to represent the Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander flags.

On this day students will participate in a variety of cultural  
activities.

## Relieving Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our Athletics Carnival was a fantastic event and it was great to see so many parents and family members attend. We had some incredible performances from our students, and I want to give a special shout-out to Violet, who broke the school high jump record! Her determination and effort were truly inspiring, and we are all so proud of her achievement. Another highlight was the parent/staff races. Although, an official protest was lodged (by me) after a parent lent in with the shoulder. A thorough investigation is currently taking place. I'll keep you in the loop with the end result.

We recently held our first Whole School Badging Ceremony in the hall. It was wonderful to see so many students, staff, and families come together from both the Infants and Primary campuses to celebrate our students' achievements. These badges represent the commitment to learning and positive behaviour they demonstrate at school and I couldn't be prouder of them. Thank you to everyone who helped make this ceremony special.

Our Junior and Senior Dance Ensembles had the chance to perform at the MNC Dance Festival in Coffs Harbour, and they did an amazing job! Their hard work really shone through in their performances. It was fantastic to watch them represent Grafton Public School with such talent and enthusiasm. A big thank you to Mrs Eveleigh, Mr Keogh and Miss Karen who supported them throughout their preparations!

As we continue to build a positive school environment, I'd like to remind everyone about the importance of communicating appropriately with our staff. If you have questions or concerns about school matters, please approach our staff with respect and kindness. Open and constructive communication helps us resolve issues and keeps our school a supportive place for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Together, we are creating a great environment where our students can learn and grow.

Have a great weekend!

Warm regards,  
Nick Campbell  
Relieving Principal



**GPS Breakfast Club is being run on both campuses every Tuesday and Thursday mornings. A big thank you to Woolworths Grafton and the Foodbank for supplying the food. We really appreciate it.**



# Grafton Public P&C - Note from the President

## Trivia Night Thanks – What a Wonderful Community Effort!

On behalf of the Grafton Public School P&C, I want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who helped make our recent Trivia Night such a fantastic success. Thanks to your support, we raised an incredible **\$7,500** for our school!

A special shout-out to Miss Karen for her efforts behind the scenes in pulling together the questions and making sure the scoring ran smoothly on the night. Desan Padayachee was a fantastic MC and I'd like to thank everyone on the P&C who did such a great job of making the night a success.

We are deeply grateful to our amazing **teachers** who gave their time to help on the night, to our generous **sponsors** who donated prizes and funds, and of course to the **families and friends** who came along, filled the hall with laughter, and made it such a fun evening. We'll be back again next year with another Trivia Night!

In the meantime, we'll be looking forward to getting some of the funds raised to work early next term. Our next meeting will be at 5:30pm on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August - feel free to come along. Kids are welcome!

All the best,

**Duncan McKimm**

President, Grafton Public School P&C

### Gold Sponsors



### Silver Sponsors



### Bronze Sponsors





# INFANTS PLAY STATIONS

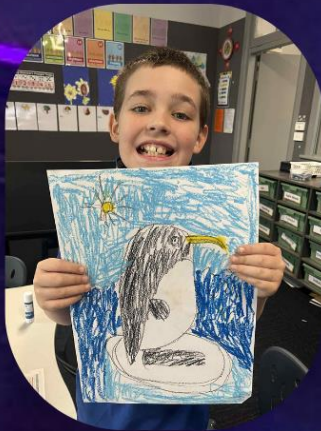
THANK YOU P&C for the  
purchase of the Family Home



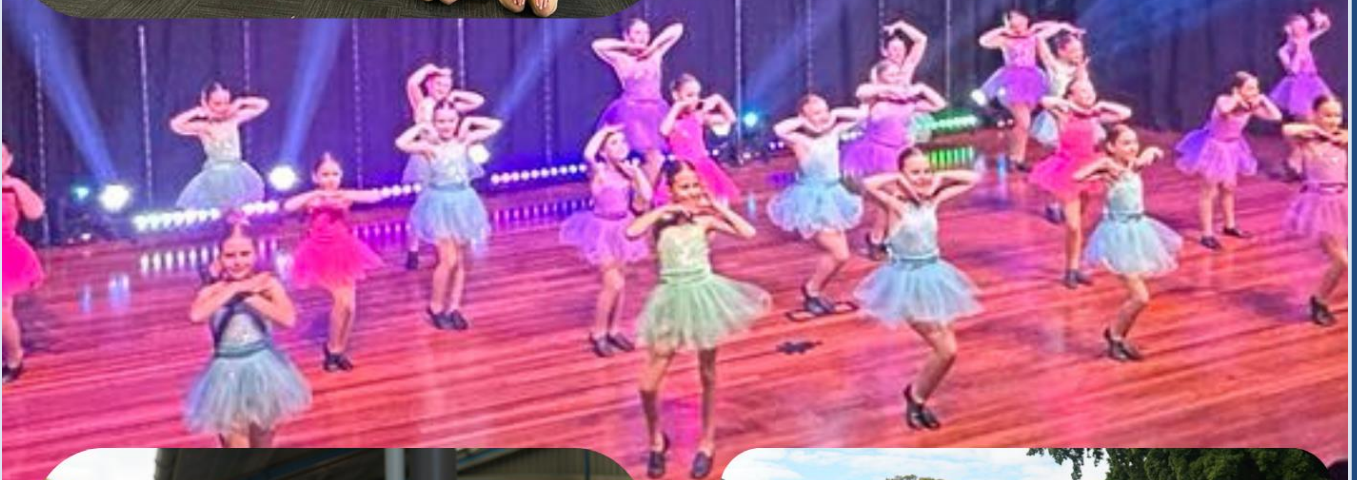
*So much fun*







## GPS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST FORTNIGHT





## Important Messages

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS



**A DAY AWAY FROM SCHOOL HERE OR THERE  
DOESN'T SEEM LIKE MUCH, BUT ABSENCES ADD UP**

### Attendance matters means explaining all absences

If your child is:

- Sick
- Has a medical appointment
- Has to travel for family business
- Involved in Sorry Business



### Let us know

So we can plan continued support for your child's learning and wellbeing

**Every Day Matters**



**Let us know when your child is  
absent via School Bytes or call  
the school office 66421000**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

# Otitis Media Awareness Day

**JULY 31, 2025**  
**10AM-5PM**

Grafton Shoppingworld



**FREE**

**services on the day**  
**include:**

- Ear health checks for children.
- Information on Otitis Media (middle ear infections).
- Resource packs.

This event is initiated by the NSW Department of Education in conjunction with NSW Community Health Grafton and Maclean and Bulgarr Ngaru Aboriginal Medical Service.



Health



Bulgarr Ngaru  
Medical Aboriginal Corporation



Education



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

BULGARR NGARU MEDICAL ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

# NAIDOC 2025

## *Community Fun Day*

- The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy -

**GRAFTON  
SHOWGROUND.  
PRINCE STREET,  
GRAFTON**

**THURSDAY  
10th  
July,  
10am-2PM**



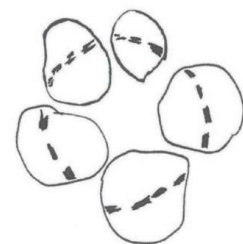
*Elders Tent,  
Activities,  
Stalls, Info  
Free BBQ  
Entertainment  
and lots more!*

CELEBRATING  
50 YEARS OF  
**NAIDOC**

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL  
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NSW  
GOVERNMENT  
Communities  
& Justice



**Bulgarr Ngaru**  
Medical Aboriginal Corporation

**clarence**  
VALLEY COUNCIL



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## 2025 WINTER VACATION CARE PROGRAM



Mon 7th July to Mon 21st July

Before School, After School & Vacation Care  
for the Mid North Coast

In a world gone mad with rules & regulations, we help kids be kids



Phone: 0466 306 220

Office Hours: 8:30am to 4:00pm

Email: [admin@communityoosh.com.au](mailto:admin@communityoosh.com.au)

Web: [www.communityoosh.com.au](http://www.communityoosh.com.au)



### VACATION CARE HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday to Friday

7.00am – 6.00pm

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.



### BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR VACATION CARE

For existing families please use your Xplor Home app to book and select the days you require

For new families looking to enrol and join the fun, you can do so by visiting our website at [www.communityoosh.com.au](http://www.communityoosh.com.au) or scan this QR code to take you straight to our enrolment page



### “WHAT TO BRING EVERYDAY”

All Children are required to bring a hat, drink bottle, sunscreen, appropriate 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!



### OVERVIEW MATRIX OF ALL CENTRES

As many families are, at times, using multiple centres out of choice or necessity, we have decided to include our “Centre Overview Matrix” below to help guide you, if need be, to what any centre is doing on any one day. Just follow the coloured line across for each centre. An explanation of each day for your home centre appears over the page

Dates	7/7/25	8/7/25	9/7/25	10/7/25	11/7/25	14/7/25	15/7/25	16/7/25	17/7/25	18/7/25	21/7/25
Fun Factory	Incursion: AUSTRALIA'S ANCIENT CULTURE	Wildlife Sanctuary	IN CENTRE LEGO LEGENDS	MOVIES Bray St ELIO	Excursion Urunga Picnic	IN CENTRE ANCIENT CULTURES OF THE WORLD	BIG BANANA Ice Skating	SPRING LOADED	MOVIES Sawtell SMURFS	IN CENTRE EINSTEIN'S BRAIN BUSTERS	OOSH of Origin
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Fee Structure at Full Rate before the application of any CCS %		Example of Approx. out of pocket expenses at 85% CCS	
Vacation Care	\$76	Vacation Care	\$15.20
Sample Additional Excursion Cost	\$18	Sample Excursion CCS Applied	\$ 3.60

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

*Free*  
**SCHOOL**  
*Holiday Fun!*



**Mini MasterChefs**  
MON 7TH - SAT 12TH JULY  
LOCATED OUTSIDE WOOLWORTHS  
4 SESSIONS DAILY  
**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!**

Get ready for some serious culinary fun at Mini MasterChefs, where kids can unleash their inner chef talents, create their own pizzas, and decorate their own chef hats to take home!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK

**Sand Art**  
MON 14TH - SAT 19TH JULY  
LOCATED OPPOSITE CONNOR  
10AM - 1PM DAILY

Unleash your inner artist and explore the vibrant world of sand art.

\*No bookings, just turn up and create beautiful art to take home.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

**LEARN, PLAY & GROW AT PCYC THIS JULY!**

 **BASKETBALL**  
 **GYMNASTICS**  
 **NERF/LASER TAG**  
 **STEM**  
 **CRAFTS**  
 **MINI OLYMPICS**  
 **PARKOUR**  
 **FUTSAL**

Book 4 Days and Get the 3<sup>rd</sup> for Free!  
Active and Creative Kids vouchers accepted.



SCAN FOR  
MORE INFO

**PCYC** 



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

# BOOM BANG BLAST WORKSHOP

**CVCON**

CLARENCE VALLEY CONSERVATORIUM



**NSW**  
GOVERNMENT



**MONDAY JULY 21      9AM-2:30PM**  
**CONCERT AT 2PM**

DESIGNED FOR SCHOOL BAND STUDENTS  
WITH LESS THAN 12 MONTHS EXPERIENCE

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

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ABN: 44 488 369 014

## BOOM, BANG and BLAST Workshop

Dear Students and Parents,

We are excited to invite all beginning local school band students to the Con for a **FREE Workshop** on **Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> of July!** (Pupil free day)

This workshop offers a fantastic opportunity for students to meet, collaborate, and share their love for music with like-minded peers from other schools in the region. It's an excellent chance to develop new skills, enhance musical talents, and build connections with fellow musicians.

The Boom, Bang and Blast workshop will provide an enriching experience, concluding with a student performance showcasing the day's learning and collaboration.

Please RSVP by **Friday 4th July (Wk 10)** to secure your spot.

We look forward to a great day of music making!

### Details

<b>WORKSHOP:</b>	Boom Bang and Blast Workshop
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025
<b>TIME:</b>	9.00am - 2.30pm with a Concert Performance at <b>2.00pm</b> for all parents/carers <b><u>Due to minimal supervision before and after the workshop students are to arrive after 8.45am and be collected by 2.45pm.</u></b>
<b>VENUE:</b>	Clarence Valley Conservatorium (CVCon), 8 Villiers St, Grafton
<b>APPLICANTS:</b>	Students with less than 12 months experience
<b>BRING:</b>	Instrument (with spare reeds, pencil, instrumental leads, etc) Drums provided, please bring sticks. Morning Tea and Lunch (Students must remain on site).
<b>COST:</b>	<b>Free</b> for CVCon enrolled students \$5 charge for students not enrolled with CVCon
<b>REGISTER:</b>	<b>Scan the QR Code</b> to register online or complete and return the <b>Consent Form</b> to your music tutor.

Luke Gough  
Operations Coordinator



Member of the Association of NSW Regional Conservatoriums  
Funded by the NSW Department of Education through the Regional Conservatorium Grants Program



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## CLARENCE YOUTH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 12-18!

**WEEK 1**

### FLOWER CROWN WORKSHOP

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm to 4pm  
Glenreagh Community Hall, Glenreagh  
Bookings essential text – 0478 099 905

### DROP-IN – BALL GAMES & TOASTIES

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Courtts Crossing Skate Park, Courtts Crossing  
Just turn up!

### DREAM CATCHER WORKSHOP

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm to 4pm  
Iluka Community Hall, Iluka  
Bookings essential text – 0478 099 905

### SKATE & CREATE WORKSHOP

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm to 4pm  
Wooli Skate Park, Wooli  
Bookings essential -  
<https://www.clarence.nsw.gov.au/skateboarding-workshop-wooli>

### GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm to 4pm  
Pirate Park, South Grafton  
Bookings essential text – 0423 134 173

### LOWER CLARENCE NAIDOC COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 10am to 2pm  
Ford Park, Yamba  
Just turn up!

### OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION

**Bootcamp & Snacks**  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Out of the Box, Wherrett Park, Maclean  
Just turn up!

### NAIDOC 2025 COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 10am to 2pm  
Grafton Showground, Grafton  
Just turn up!

### GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm to 4pm  
Bailey Park, Ulmarra  
Bookings essential text – 0423 134 173

### OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION

**Soccer & Toasties**  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Out of the Box, Yamba Skate Park, Yamba  
Just turn up!

For more information and updates, check out our Facebook page Clarence Valley Youth.

Please call 0428 420 908 if more details are required.

Outdoor activities will be postponed in the case of wet weather.

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## CLARENCE YOUTH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 12-18!

**WEEK 2**

### WEARABLE ART WORKSHOP

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm to 4pm  
Courtts Crossing Community Hall, Courtts Crossing  
Bookings essential text – 0414 284 150

### SKATE & CREATE WORKSHOP

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm to 4pm  
Grafton Skate Park, Grafton  
Bookings essential -  
<https://www.clarence.nsw.gov.au/skateboarding-workshop-grafton>

### LASER SKIRMISH

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm to 4pm  
Memorial Park, Lawrence  
Just turn up!

### LASER SKIRMISH

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm to 4pm  
Woombah Park, Woombah  
Just turn up!

### OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION

**Soccer & Snacks**  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Out of the Box, Wherrett Park, Maclean  
Just turn up!

### SURFING WORKSHOP

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 9am to 12noon  
Main Beach, Minnie Water  
Bookings essential text – 0447 693 863

### DRUMMING WORKSHOP & ACTIVITIES BY MUDYALA

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm to 4pm  
Rocky Mouth Pavilion (Showground), Maclean  
Just turn up!

### OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION

**Bootcamp, Giant Jenga & Milkshakes**  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Out of the Box, Yamba Skate Park, Yamba  
Just turn up!

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## Wax Lyrical U18's Songwriter Showcase

**Perform your original song for a chance to win prizes!**



**MONDAY 14TH JULY - WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY  
10AM - 1PM**

### HOW IT WORKS:

You'll have 20 minutes to perform LIVE at Grafton Shoppingworld!

But here's the important part—only your original song will be recorded and submitted to our sponsors for voting. So, make sure your original song is front and center!

### WHAT CAN YOU WIN?!

**1st Prize:** \$500 Recording Package with Clarence Valley Sound, PLUS an exclusive interview on FM104.7 and your song played live on AIR!

**2nd Prize:** \$100 Grafton Shoppingworld Gift Voucher

**3rd Prize:** \$50 Grafton Shoppingworld Gift Voucher

### SIGN UP NOW!

Email your expression of interest and details to Ryan at [admin@ryanmartin.com.au](mailto:admin@ryanmartin.com.au)

**Entries close Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

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