



# Newsletter

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Week 10 – 6 December 2021

Dear parents and caregivers,

As the end of the year approaches, I'd like to thank our P&C members for their ongoing support of the school and our students throughout this year. It has been a challenging year, with COVID impacting on the P&C's ability to fundraise, hold meetings and events, and keep the canteen operating. Through all the challenges, our hardworking P&C volunteers have been flexible and understanding and we are very grateful for their ongoing dedication and support. We are looking forward to another great year working alongside our wonderful P&C volunteers next year in 2022. Thank you.

*Michelle Dalgliesh*

## Industrial Action

The school will be non-operational tomorrow, Tuesday 7th December. An email was sent to all families on Friday, explaining the Industrial Action which is taking place on Tuesday, 7 December and how this will impact our school operations. Please read the email and contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
<u>Tuesday 7 Dec</u> Year 6 Farewell 5.30pm Teacher Industrial Action	<u>Thursday 16 Dec</u> Last school day for students	<u>Tuesday 1 Feb 2022</u> Students year 1-6 return
<u>Thursday 9 Dec</u> Jacaranda half day local holiday - <b>school closes at 1pm</b>		<u>Thursday 3 Feb 2022</u> Kindergarten first day
<u>Friday 10 Dec</u> Presentation Day (students/staff only)		<u>Friday 4 Jan 2022</u> Canteen open
<u>Canteen open - Friday</u> ORDERS ONLY for recess and lunch		<u>Tuesday 15 Feb 2022</u> P&C AGM - time tbc

## **Water bottles**

Our current primary toilet block, including bubblers, is under construction. Please ensure all students bring a water bottle to school each day as they will not have access to the bubblers for the remainder of this term. Students are able to refill water bottles in classrooms throughout the day to keep hydrated.

## **Year 6 farewell**

The year 6 farewell will be held tomorrow night at the South Grafton Golf Club, beginning at 5.30pm. Best wishes to all Year 6 students on this very special night, celebrating their completion of primary school. Families are reminded to check in all students as dependants on arrival at the venue and maintain physical distancing when entering and exiting the venue.

## **Jacaranda Thursday**

All families received notes outlining the upcoming Jacaranda holiday. Jacaranda Thursday is being held on 9th December this year and has been gazetted as a half day public holiday. Coutts Crossing Public School will close at 1:00pm on this day. There will be no buses running at 1pm. If your children will not be attending school the absence will still need to be explained, which can be done by completing and returning the note to school. Please contact the school if you have any concerns.

## **Presentation Day**

Our annual Presentation Day will be held this Friday 10 December. Unfortunately, families are unable to attend due to current Departmental COVID guidelines. Photos of award winners will be shared via our school Facebook page.

## **SGHS Self-Select Class**

Congratulations to Jacqui, Tyson and Georgia who were successful in gaining a position in the self-select class for year 7 at South Grafton High School in 2022. These students have been outstanding learners throughout their time at Coutts Crossing Public School and we know they will continue to excel as they learn and grow in high school. Well done!

## **OOSH bus**

Reminder- Grafton OOSH now offers transport and Before and After School Care services to families at Coutts Crossing Public School. We already have some families using the service with the OOSH bus collecting students from school in the afternoon and taking them in to Grafton OOSH for after school care. This service is also available before school. Interested families should contact Grafton OOSH on 0466306220 to register.

## Staffing 2022

We are excited to share our new 2022 staffing arrangements with our school community. We have been incredibly fortunate to find quality classroom teachers to join our team and we are looking forward to a fantastic year providing quality education to our students in 2022.

Kindergarten - Mrs Necia Creighton

Class 1/2 - Mrs Michelle Strom

Class 2/3 – Miss Kimberley Howard

Class 3/4 - Mrs Caitlin Crispin

Class 5/6 - Mrs Jessica Tomlinson

RFF and Learning & Support - Mrs Karleigh Moran

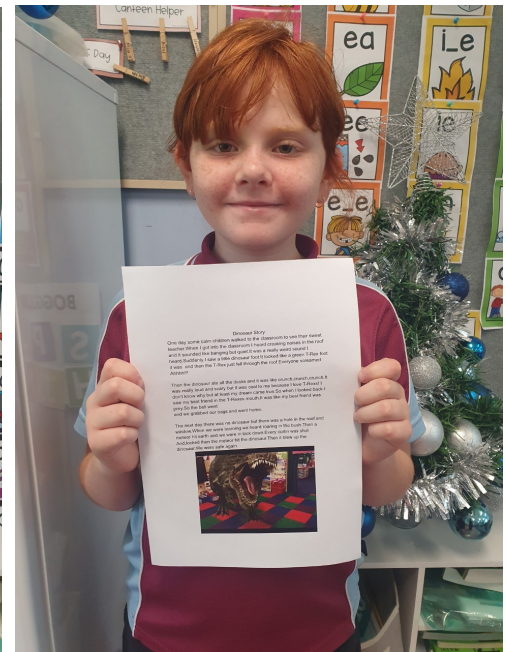
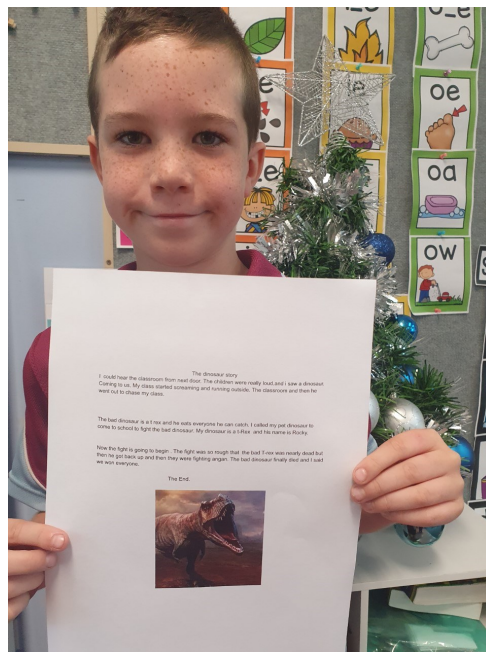
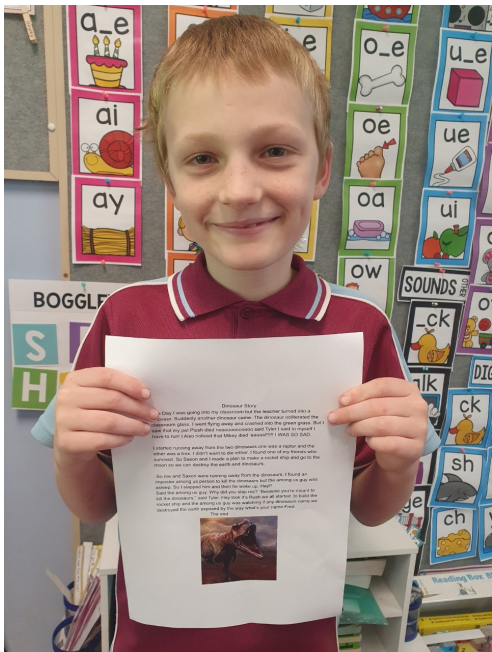
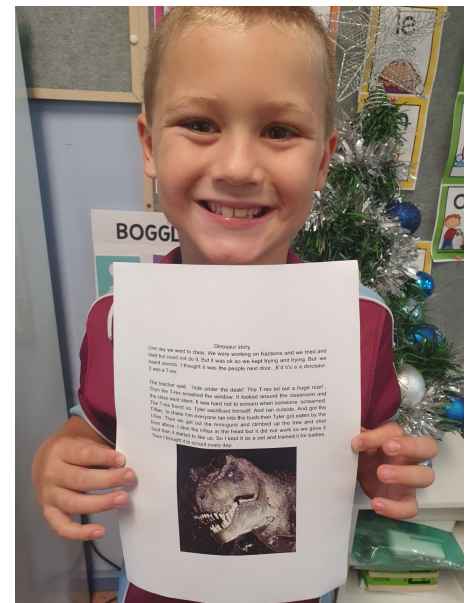
Digital Classroom Officer- Mr Darren Finlay

Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction - Mrs Karleigh Moran

Draft classes have been established ready for 2022, however these are subject to change due to expected movement of families in and out of the community during the Christmas holiday period.

## 2/3 Classroom news

For the last couple of weeks we have been working hard on our quick writes. Our focus is to include correct punctuation and to create longer and more interesting sentences. Together we brainstormed ideas to help us write a narrative about dinosaurs. Then it was our turn to create a story that had an introduction, complication and resolution. After we edited our work, we published our stories on the computer. Here are some photos of our finished work.



## P&C News

Thank you to all families who participated in the P&C Christmas muffin day fundraiser last Friday. Students enjoyed a Christmas themed day with delicious Christmas cupcakes at the canteen and lots of fun Christmas activities in classrooms. P&C raised \$96.00. Well done everyone.

The canteen will be open on Fridays only for at least the first few weeks of 2022. This may change according to volunteer availability in Term 1.

The 2022 P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 15 February - time to be confirmed.

Nachos will not be available for ordering this week.

This Friday is the final canteen day for 2021. Thank you to our wonderful P&C volunteers!

## Canteen Roster

**Friday - ORDERS ONLY**

**for both recess and lunch**

10/12

Ryanda & Kirsty

Final canteen day for 2021



# **GRAFTON SWIM ACADEMY – JANUARY 2022**

## **2 WEEK INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAMME**

MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022 to THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022  
MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022 to FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022  
(EXCLUDING WED 26<sup>TH</sup> Australia day)

**FEES: \$128 EACH PARTICIPANT**

***Active Kids Vouchers are not accepted as payment for Intensive Swimming Programmes***

### **Hello to all Parents and Carers**

We are commencing 2022 with a positive attitude that the worst is behind us. Many children will have missed their lessons and are looking forward to returning in Term 1.

We can now offer our Christmas Holiday Intensive Programme to all students who would like to get a jump start on their swimming skills. We offer our Programme at South Grafton Pool for both morning and afternoon sessions and at Grafton Pool for morning sessions only. Lessons are 30 minutes in duration for the general LTS, longer for SD, MS and Squads

South Grafton morning sessions will be from 8.00 am to 1.00 pm.

South Grafton afternoons will be from 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm.

Grafton sessions will be morning only from 7.30 am – 11.00 am.

There are limited places in all classes, so if this is of interest to you, please advise as soon as possible. We are holding Squads, Mini Squads, Stroke Development and Learn to Swim Classes for children 3 years of age and older – but **NO** Baby/Toddles classes.

Please advise your name, your child/ren names and preference from the above list: 1, 2 or 3. Please provide your current mobile number. We will advise by text message the details of your classes closer to Intensive commencement.

Email: [swimacademy@graftonaquaticcentres.com.au](mailto:swimacademy@graftonaquaticcentres.com.au)

Attn: Lyn McDiarmid

Yours in Swimming, Safety and Fun  
Grafton Swim Academy Teachers

# CRAFTERNOON

for ages 4+

@ grafton library

monday the 6th, 13th and 20th of december  
from 4:00-5:00pm

looking for some crafty after school fun?  
join us for craftermoons @ grafton library – where kids can choose from a selection of craft activities to make each week, including...



all events at your library are FREE

book now at grafton library or online @ [crl.nsw.gov.au](http://crl.nsw.gov.au)



## summer holiday program

@ your library  
december 2021 - january 2022

all libraries

1st december - 31 january  
summer reading club  
pick up a challenge sheet @ your local library



mobile

tuesday 11th january  
3D hand art @baryulgil  
amaze your friends with an eye-popping 3D artwork of your hand  
10:30-11:30am  
ages 5+

tuesday 11th january  
catapults game @copmanhurst  
build a catapult with household objects then challenge your mates.  
2:30-3:30pm  
ages 8+

wednesday 12th january  
3D hand art @nymboida  
10:30-11:30am  
ages 5+

wednesday 12th january  
catapults game @coutts crossing  
2:30-3:30pm  
ages 8+

tuesday 18th january  
3D hand art @wooli  
10:30-11:30am  
ages 5+

tuesday 18th january  
3D hand art @minnie water  
2:30-3:30pm  
ages 5+

wednesday 19th january  
catapults game @glenreagh  
2:30-3:30pm  
ages 8+

thursday 20th january  
3D hand art @brushgrove  
10:30-11:30am  
ages 5+

thursday 20th january  
catapults game @tucubia  
2:30-3:30pm  
ages 8+

iluka

friday 10th december  
snow globe creation  
3:00-4:00pm  
ages 5+

friday 7th january  
things with wheels  
10:30-11:30am  
ages 3+

friday 14th january  
sand art  
10:30-11:30am  
ages 4-7

### grafton

monday 6th, 13th and 20th december  
craftermoons  
choose from a variety of crafts.  
4-5pm  
ages 4+

friday 7th january  
rock painting  
paint your very own rock to hide, share and hunt.  
10:30-11:30am  
ages 3+

saturday 8th january  
DnD summer delve  
dig into this dungeons and dragons delve these school holidays. chips and soft drink provided.  
12-5pm  
ages 12+

tuesday 11th january  
minecraft for kids  
enjoy our minecraft environment, and take part in challenges on our ipads.  
10:30-12:00pm & 2-3:30pm  
ages 9-15

friday 14th january  
quizz-itch  
test yourself with our Harry Potter quiz game. including disco and pizza.  
6-8pm  
ages 7+

tuesday 18th january  
digi daydreaming  
local artist Kade Valja will be running a workshop to teach digital art on library ipads.  
12:30-4:30pm  
ages 9+

friday 21st january  
minecraft for kids  
10:30-11:30am & 12-1:00pm  
ages 9-15



thursday 13th january  
library lego legends  
10:30-12:00pm  
ages 7+

tuesday 18th january  
kokedama  
make your own potless plant with string.  
10:30-12:00pm  
ages 13+

thursday 20th january  
library lego legends  
10:30-12:00pm  
ages 7+

wednesday 22nd december  
upcycle christmas tree craft  
fold a fabulous christmas tree using books as the base.  
2-3:30pm  
ages 8+

monday 10 january  
crazy creative birds  
use a variety of mixed media art materials to construct birds.  
10:30-12:00pm for ages 5-8 & 2-3:30pm for ages 9+

wednesday 12th, 19th & 25th january  
summer reading club book'n'build  
10:30-11:30am  
ages 4-7

friday 21st january  
sand art  
10:30am-11:30am for ages 4-7 & 2-3pm for ages 8+

wednesday 19th january  
digi daydreaming  
12:30-4:30pm  
ages 9+

### maclean

all events at your library are FREE



### yamba



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**MONDAY 6 DECEMBER — 7PM**

Market Square, Prince Street, Grafton

**FREE CONCERT - BOOKINGS REQUIRED**  
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# T H I S L A S T F I V E Y E A R S



**STARRING**  
MARK CONAGHAN AND KATE JOSEPH  
**MUSIC DIRECTION ADAM WILLS**

**WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER**  
**7:00PM**  
**MARKET SQUARE, GRAFTON**  
**ADULT: \$30 CONC: \$20 CHILD: \$10**

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## Mum Bubs & Tots High Tea & Teddy Picnic



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Kids Music Session



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