



# Newsletter

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Week 9 – 5 Dec 2022

Dear parents and caregivers,

Last week, seven year 5 students stood proudly in front of the school assembly and delivered leadership speeches for their teachers, peers and the community. Standing in front of the school to deliver a speech is a very daunting task and I could not be more proud of our year 5 students for their outstanding efforts. All students spoke extremely well and demonstrated a thorough knowledge of what it



means to be a student leader, making the task of voting very difficult. Coutts Crossing Public School will be very lucky to have any of these students as leaders in 2022. School captains and vice captains will be announced at presentation day. Good luck to all our year 5 prospective leaders.

This will be our final newsletter for this year. As 2022 comes to an end, I'd like to thank all students, staff and community members for working together to create a quality learning environment at Coutts Crossing Public School. The final school day for students is next Friday, 16 December. On behalf of all Coutts Crossing Public School staff, I would like to wish all our families a happy, safe and very merry Christmas.

*Michelle Dalgliesh*

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Presentation Day</b> Tue 6 December, 10am</li><li>• <b>Yr6 Farewell Dinner</b> South Grafton Golf Club, Tue 6 December, 5.30pm</li><li>• <b>Swim &amp; Gym</b> Thurs 8 December</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Coutts Crossing Fun Day</b> Mon 12 December</li><li>• <b>P&amp;C Christmas Fun Day</b> Tue 13 December</li><li>• <b>Whole School Assembly</b> Wed 14 December 2.30pm</li><li>• <b>Last day of school</b> Fri 16 December</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>First day back of school</b> Tues 31 January</li><li>• <b>2023 Swimming carnival</b> Thurs 2 February Maclean Pool</li></ul>

## 2023 School details

- There are two staff development days at the beginning of 2023 - Friday 27 January and Monday 30 January.
- Years 1-6 return Tuesday 31 January.
- Best Start Assessments (Kindergarten) Tuesday & Wednesday 31 January and 1 February.
- Kindergarten First Day- Thursday 2 February.

A link to the 2023 CCPS information handbook will be emailed to all families this week.

## Presentation Day

Our 2022 presentation day will be held tomorrow Tuesday 6 December at 10am. Families are invited to attend as we celebrate our achievements for 2022. In an effort to ensure our whole school community stays healthy as we head into the school holidays, we respectfully ask that families do not attend if they are unwell. All visitors must sign in at the school office using QR code on arrival.

## Year 6 farewell

We would like to wish all year 6 students farewell and wish them all the best as they continue their educational journey in high school next year.

The year 6 farewell will be held on Tuesday 6th December 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.

## Canteen

This week will be the last school canteen day for the year on Friday 9 December.

P&C are providing a special lunch pack as part of their Xmas Mufti Day on Tuesday 13 December. There will be no canteen on Friday 15 December in week 10.

## P&C Xmas Mufti Day

Tuesday 13 December is the P&C's Christmas Mufti Day. Students can come to school dressed in Christmas theme/colours, enjoy the pre order Special lunch pack and will be able to purchase Christmas treats at recess and after lunch.



## Water fun day

In week 10, Monday 12 December, classes will be participating in water activities during the day. Students should bring a plastic bag with a towel and swimmers or spare clothes that can get wet to wear during the activities. Students should wear their normal school uniform to school and ensure they bring a hat and water bottle.

## Semester 2 reports

Semester 2 reports are currently being finalised and printed ready to be sent home with students in week 10. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns about your child's report.

## Classes 2023

We are in the process of finalising staffing arrangements and classes for 2023. Please keep an eye out in your emails as updated information about classes and teaching staff for next year will be shared with families when it is available.

## Reading at home

Please encourage your child to continue reading over the school holiday break. Reading is like just about everything else in life, the more you do it the better you get. If children stop reading for extended periods of time, they often take a few steps backwards in their reading improvement. For this reason, it is important to encourage children to keep reading during the holidays despite the distraction of friends, relatives and holiday events.



## Assembly

Our final school assembly for 2022 will be held next Wednesday 14 December at 2.30pm. Congratulations to students who received awards at last week's assembly. Students were awarded Multi-lit awards, Merit certificates and Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards for outstanding achievement throughout the year. Keep up the great effort!





## Uniform purchases

School shirts and hats will be available for purchase at school on Friday 27 January and Monday 30 January 2023, after 11 am. Parents should phone ahead to place an order or arrange a suitable time to attend the office. If you are visiting the school office please be mindful of our physical distancing restrictions, as we can only serve one family at a time when purchasing uniforms. Online payments can be made through our website. Cash is also accepted. School shirts are \$30.00 each, hats \$8.00 each.

We have a limited supply of hoodies/jumpers (optional) at school. Another bulk order will be placed in Term 1. Plain maroon/burgundy jumpers or jackets are also suitable. Black pants, shorts and skorts can be purchased locally. The school wear range from the following retailers is recommended - Best & Less, Target, Big W, Lowes.

## Construction

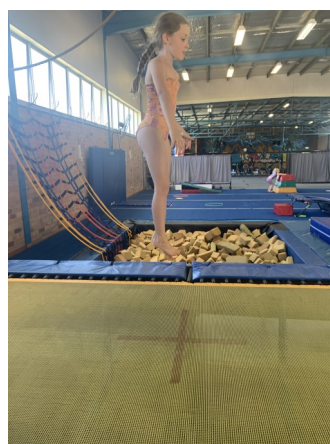
Construction will begin in week 10 to replace the floor and back verandahs of our 2/3 and 3/4 classrooms. Students in these classes will be relocated to other rooms in the final 2 weeks of school. The builders will be working throughout the school holiday period, and we hope to have all construction completed before the beginning of the school year in 2023.

## Swim/ Gym

This Thursday, 8 December is our final swim/gym for 2022. Thank you to supervising staff from CCPS and the South Grafton Pool & Gym who have supported our students throughout this program. Our students have made significant improvements during the swim and gym program this year and we are very proud of their achievements. Well done kids!

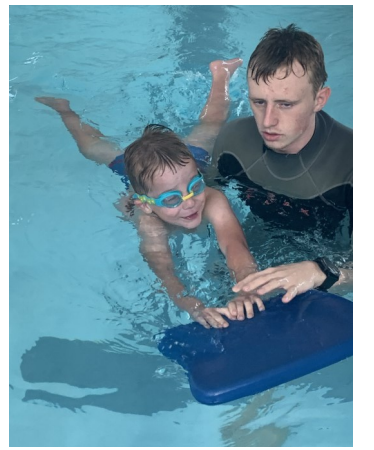
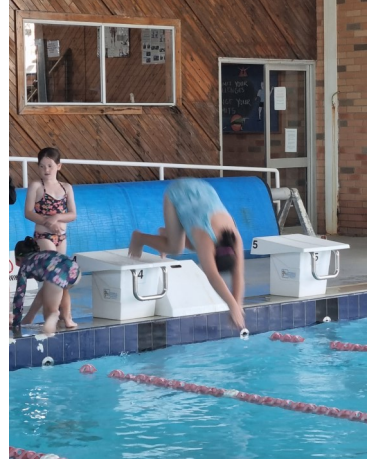
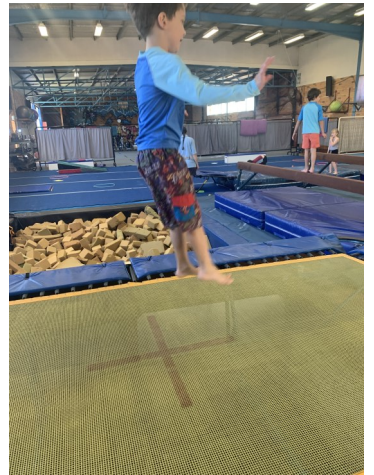
Reminder:

The NSW Government Active Kids program provides 2 x \$100 vouchers for parents, guardians and carers of school-enrolled children to use towards sport and active recreation costs each year. We encourage families to utilise these Active Kids vouchers for swimming lessons so students may continue to practice and consolidate the skills and water confidence they have developed throughout this term.

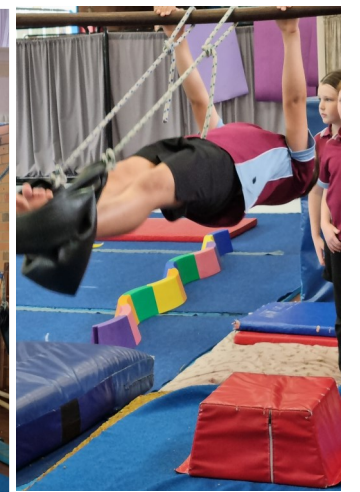
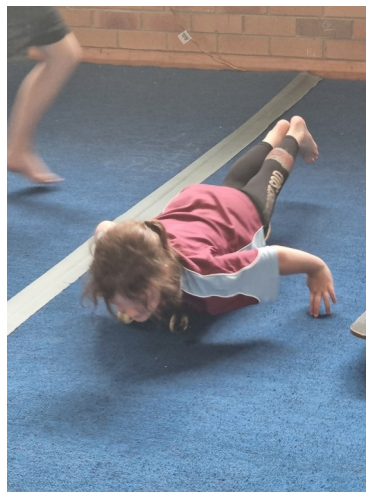




# Swim & Gym









# CLARENCE YOUTH

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 12-18!

**WEEK 1**

### LASER SKIRMISH

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 4pm to 6pm  
Barnier Park, Junction Hill  
Just turn up!

### GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2pm to 4pm  
Yamba Skate Park, Yamba  
Bookings essential – Text 0423 134 173

### DROP IN, BBQ, CANVAS ART & AUS TAG

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 3:30pm to 5pm  
Grafton Skate Park, Grafton  
Bookings essential – 6640 3800

### SKATE WORKSHOP

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 10am to 12noon  
Coutts Crossing Skate Park, Coutts Crossing  
Bookings essential – 0432 049 408  
<https://www.yambaskate.com/events>

### ART WITH JIMMY WAGS & TULLI STEVENS

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2pm to 4pm  
Changing Lanes Shed, Through Street, South  
Grafton  
Bookings essential – 0412 924 120

### GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2pm to 4pm  
Wooli Skate Park, Wooli  
Bookings essential – Text 0423 134 173

### SURF LESSONS

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January, 9am to 12noon  
Brooms Head Main Beach, Brooms Head  
Bookings essential – 0447 693 863

For more information and updates, check out our Facebook pages 'Clarence Valley Youth' or 'Clarence Valley Youth Hubs'. The current COVID-19 situation has limited our capacity for numbers, so these activities will have restrictions. Please call 0428 420 908 if more details are required. Outdoor activities will be postponed in the case of wet weather. Programs proudly sponsored by:



December 2022

# Arts Buzz

The latest fun and upcoming arts projects from Grafton Regional Gallery

Check each event for booking details



## YOUNG ARCHIE 2022 - Regional Tour

Opens 10am Sunday 18 December  
On exhibition through to Sunday 29 January 2023

Entry by donation to YOUNG ARCHIE 2022

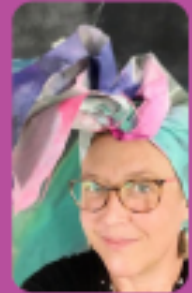
Tickets on sale now for the Archibald Prize 2022 Regional Tour



## YOUNG ARCHIE 2022

[ARCHIES\\_GRCTICKETS.eventbrite.com.au](https://ARCHIES_GRCTICKETS.eventbrite.com.au)

## ARTY Good Times



### Art Tour & Activity Session for families with Claudie Frock.

Join artist, curator and creative producer Claudie Frock for an engaging morning tour of the Gallery, and collaborative creation of artwork as a family.

Saturdays  
10.30 am to 1.30pm

7 January  
18 February  
11 March

Suitable for ages 3 and up, these sessions are designed to be experienced with your parents, grandparents, big brothers & sisters, a guardian or a carer!

Come to one session or come to all to keep creating our collaborative art work!

\$5 per person, all ages, all materials supplied.

No previous art experience is needed!

[graftonregionalgallery.eventbrite.com](https://graftonregionalgallery.eventbrite.com)

## ART CLASS 2022

The High School Certificate (HSC) Body of Work is the culmination of a two-year course, and a full year of intensive investigation. Students select a subject and develop a set of art works based on their own findings and personal connections to the topic.

This exhibition will bring together HSC works from a selection of Clarence Valley high schools.

Hosted at the Grafton Regional Library  
16 December 2022 - 29 January 2023

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## The Festival of Local Schools

The Festival of Local Schools celebrates the joy of creativity in an outdoor display of artwork by primary school students from the Clarence Valley, on tour now! Catch them in December at the YAMBA LIBRARY!



Bookings now open!

### Art After School - Term 1 2023 with Chloe Waters

Join artist, curator and creative producer Chloe Waters for a term filled new approaches and attitudes to creating artwork.

Class starts Wednesday 15th February  
Find out more and book now!

[Term1AAS.eventbrite.com.au](https://Term1AAS.eventbrite.com.au)

Whisper House  
@WhisperHouse\_Artists

Me and my homies on the way to Art After School



### RUBONY'S CAFÉ

At Grafton Regional Gallery

Open Wednesday to Sunday

Bookings can be made via 0488 076 728 or [rubony.gallerycafe@gmail.com](mailto:rubony.gallerycafe@gmail.com)



### GRAFTON REGIONAL GALLERY

on Bundjalung Country

Open Tuesday - Sunday 10am to 4pm | Closed Public Holidays



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