



Newsletter: Term 3 Week 8 2021

Principal's Message:

Thank you to all the families that supporting the learning from home program and all the families that responded to the request to notify the school if you are working. This assists us to ensure we have the correct amount of staff at school for minimum supervision.

At present the stay at home orders are in place until September 10 and information will be forwarded to the community when we are notified, so please continue to check Westlawn Facebook page, school emails, dojo or the skoolbag app.

We have commenced Zoom meetings this week to help students stay connected to their peers and teachers. It is important at this time we stay connected to family and friends.

South Grafton High School would like to advise that under the current circumstances the Platinum exam will be postponed until term 4. The future date will be announced when lockdown and restrictions have been lifted.

We understand that lockdowns can be very stressful for everyone concerned and it is important that parents/carers monitor their children's screen time and insist on them having regular breaks, the same applies for those students utilising the hard copy home learning packs.

The following information can be used as guide for parents/carers:

Early Stage 1

Kindergarten

Stage 1

Year 1 and Year 2

Stage 2

Year 3 and Year 4

Stage 3

Year 5 and Year 6

Total 2.5 hours + other

45–60 mins - English

30–45 mins - Mathematics

30–60 mins - Other KLAs: Creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE, SciTech

Other activities: wellbeing, sport, physical activity*

KLA = Key Learning Area
*where social distancing allows

Total 3 hours + other

45–60 mins - English

30–45 mins - Mathematics

30–90 mins - Other KLAs: Creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE, SciTech

Other activities: wellbeing, sport, physical activity*

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Sporting News

Clarence Athletics Results

Congratulations to the following students who finished top four in track events and top three in field events at the Clarence Athletics Carnival and have now qualified for the Mid North Coast Carnival. We have fingers crossed that the carnival may go ahead at some stage.

Girls

Surname	First Name	Age	Event	Entry Mark
Bateman	Isabella-Rose	11yrs	High Jump	1.02m
Commerford	Tara	11yrs	1500m	6:49.5
Commerford	Tara	11yrs	Long Jump	2.95m
Commerford	Tara	11yrs	High Jump	1.07m
Donaghey	Elke	11yrs	Shot Put	7.77m
Donaghey	Elke	11yrs	Discus	14.05m
Egen	Ruby	11yrs	800m	3:03.8
Egen	Ruby	11yrs	1500m	6:27.8
Ford	Skyla-Mae	10yrs	100m	17.47s
Ford	Skyla-Mae	Jnr	200m	37.99s
Hebron	Eliza	Snr	200m	35.33s
Hebron	Eliza	Snr	800m	3:02.6
Hebron	Eliza	Snr	Shot Put	6.91m
Hebron	Eliza	Snr	Long Jump	3.21m
McLennan	Maia	9yrs	100m	17.38s
Phelps	Mollie	Snr	High Jump	1.20m
Timmins	Luna	Snr	Long Jump	3.01m
Watling	Ava	10yrs	100m	16.41s
Watling	Ava	Jnr	200m	36.52s
Watling	Ava	Jnr	800m	3:25.4
Watling	Ava	Jnr	1500m	7:21.9

Boys

Name		Age	Event	Entry Mark
Beohm	Thomas	11yrs	800m	2:46.40
Cahill	Nate	11yrs	800m	2:54.50
Cahill	Nate	11yrs	1500m	6:09.00
Chevalley	Jed	8yrs	100m	17.85s
McLennan	Cooper	10yrs	100m	15.65s
McLennan	Cooper	10yrs	200m	31.84s
McLennan	Cooper	10yrs	Long Jump	3.22m
McLennan	Cooper	10yrs	High Jump	1.21m
Parkes	Nathan	11yrs	High Jump	1.17m
Plunkett-Hicks	Cooper	9yrs	100m	17.29s
Woods-Sykes	Jermaine	11yrs	100m	15.44s
Woods-Sykes	Jermaine	11yrs	200m	32.28s

Lake Ainsworth Reminder

A reminder to Year 5 parents that planning for the annual Year 5 excursion to Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Camp at Lennox Head is currently underway.

Details of the camp are:

Date: Monday 29 November to Friday 3 December 2021 (inclusive).

Cost: The final cost of the excursion will depend on the number of buses needed to transport students to and from the venue. The final price will include all meals, accommodation, transport, all activities and GST (where applicable).

A deposit of \$50 is required by Friday 3 September 2021 to confirm your child's seat and to enable us to finalise the total cost per student. A final payment date will be set soon after. Families have the option of paying online by following a link on our school website. Should this excursion be cancelled due to COVID-19 you will receive a full refund of all monies paid.

Library News:

We are missing seeing you in the library, but it is wonderful to see so many students engaging in Oliver library. This can be found on your Student Portal page, and I am updating with different activities. Last week the emoji quiz and the Book week quiz was very popular. Keep an eye out for our next quiz.

eBooks at Westlawn.

Reading is so important and to help bring books to you currently we are trialling eBooks from Wheelers in our Oliver library. Students can loan an eBook through the search bar in Oliver. Look for the icon of a device and click on the title to open the option to loan.

If interested, you might like to watch this clip explaining how they work.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dQS2m9IodnCpdq_IVm6G3vjR-wKeZRYb/view

Clarence Regional Library News

The town library is also operating a Click/Call & Collect service again. Pickup is 10.00am-2.00pm next weekday at Grafton Library. You can reserve items online or give them a call. People can also join the library using the app. Watch this link to learn how - <https://youtu.be/mi5xUdMJsCc> And of course, kids can use their library cards to explore: KidSpace - Clarence Regional Library (nsw.gov.au)

Remote learning guidelines for parents and carers



Follow your normal routine



Support your child to eat breakfast, brush their teeth and get dressed in the morning.

Build in fun



Encourage your child to take some time to be creative. Draw, play with Legos or tune into the daily NSW Education livestream. For more ideas check out our list of activities for early learners and children in primary school.

Set up your workspace



Help your child set up a quiet space at a desk or table where they can work. If your child is using a computer, refer to the Learning environment checklist.

Online resources



Bookmark important pages like the Learning from Home hub where you'll find learning resources and packages to use with your child.

Eating and drinking



Prepare snacks and meals outside of school hours so you and your child can grab ready-made food. Encourage your child to drink water throughout the day.

Be flexible



Be flexible and work with your school during this challenging time. If you or your child are having trouble with a task, move onto something else.

Take breaks



Schedule in breaks for you and your child to grab a snack or do some stretches.



For more information and learning resources for your child check out Learning from home.

education.nsw.gov.au/parents-learning-at-home

Young children



If your child is young, don't feel pressured to re-create a 6-hour school day.

Time expectation for families

Early stage 1

Total hours per day:

2.5 hours per day

plus other activities.

Key focus areas – core teaching:

- 45-60 minutes of English activities.
- 30-45 minutes of mathematics activities.
- 30-60 minutes of activities across other KLAS (creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE and science/technology).

Additional learning:

- Other activities such as wellbeing, sport and physical activities, where social distancing allows.

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Stage 2

Total hours per day:

3 hours per day

plus other activities.

Key focus areas – core teaching:

- 45-60 minutes of English activities.
- 30-45 minutes of mathematics activities.
- 1-1.5 hours of activities across other KLAS (creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE and science/technology).

Additional learning:

- Other activities such as wellbeing, sport and physical activities, where social distancing allows.

Stage 3

Total hours per day:

3 hours per day

plus other activities.

Key focus areas – core teaching:

- 45-60 minutes of English activities.
- 30-45 minutes of mathematics activities.
- 1-1.5 hours of activities across other KLAS (creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE and science/technology).

Additional learning:

- Other activities such as wellbeing, sport and physical activities, where social distancing allows.

Stage 4

Total hours per day:

3.5 hours per day

plus other activities.

Key focus areas – core teaching:

- 30-45 minutes of English activities.
- 30-45 minutes of mathematics activities.
- 90-120 minutes of activities from creative arts, HSIE, languages, PDHPE, science and technology and applied sciences.

Additional learning:

- Other activities such as wellbeing, sport and physical activities, where social distancing allows.

Stage 5

Total hours per day:

3.5 hours per day

plus other activities.

Key focus areas – core teaching:

- 30-45 minutes of English activities.
- 30-45 minutes of mathematics activities.
- 90-120 minutes of activities from HSIE, PDHPE, science and electives.

Additional learning:

- Other activities such as wellbeing, sport and physical activities, where social distancing allows.

Stage 6

Total hours per day:

Students in Year 11 and 12 will follow their usual pattern of study

Major project requirements:

- Changes have been made to the requirements for major projects in some practical subjects.
- NESA will continue to provide updates around changes to major projects and/or assessments for specific subjects.