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Newsletter: Term 4 Week 5 2022

Principal's Message:

Thank you to all the families that supported the school at the Jacaranda Youth Banner March, there was terrific support. The school also had several performances at the schools showcase day. It provided a great opportunity for parents to be able to see the outcome of all the work the students have put into preparing for their performances and they need to be acknowledged and congratulated.

The Grafton Eisteddfod also provided the opportunity for our musicians and performers to display their skills. Westlawn entered performances from Kindy through to Stage 3. Once again congratulations to the students and thank you to the teachers for providing this opportunity.

Guitar- 1st place, Captured the mood and spirit of the piece.

Band- 1st place, Entertaining performance.

Junior Choir – 2nd place, Diction was clear and intonation was secure, while the parts blended nicely.

KC- 2nd Place, Captured the atmosphere of the piece.

Senior Choir-Highly Commended, Diction was clear allowing the story to be told.

Senior Dance (Dance Off)- Highly Commended, Energy of the music and group interacted well together.

Senior Dance (Girls Group) – Worked well together and movement was neatly performed.

At present we have high school transition and Kindergarten transition days occurring. The purpose of these programs is to allow the students to become familiar with the new setting they will be entering. This plays a valuable role in assisting reduce the anxiety around the change that is occurring. Please have a conversation with your child as each child will have differing concerns about entering high school or Kindergarten.

Student Attendance continues to be a focus our aim is to have 85% of students attending 90% of the time. So please make sure your child attends school every day they can. Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up and can impact your child's learning more than you think. When your child misses one day a week over a year, that's 40 days of school, 8 weeks of lessons and 2.5 years over their school life lost.



I am disappointed I missed the Infants Sports Fun Day as I was home caring for one of my children. By all reports it was a fun and enjoyable day. I did receive plenty of reports from students as to who won what race. Thank you to Leslie, the P&C and parent helps on the day and the Infants Staff for organising the day.

Schools get very busy at this time of year so please continue to check for student notes in bags on the school app-Skoobag (most notes are posted here) and please contact the school if you are unsure.

Flood Recovery Money

Just a reminder to parents that the school holds Flood Recovery Money that can be used for school resources, excursions, uniforms and black school shoes at Sports Power. Each student was originally allocated \$500.

COVID-Smart

We are still having students and staff testing positive to COVID-19 and this year's flu strain has continued to have an impact. Please continue to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and test your children consistently if required. It is very important our community continues to follow NSW Health guidelines. Thank you for your continued support keeping our school and community safe. Our school has a good supply of RATs for you to use. Please don't hesitate to contact our school to access these.

Selective High Schools

Applications are now open for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2024. **Applications close 16 November 2022.**

Trent Patterson
Principal

Year 6 students attending GHS Year 7 2023

Grafton High School have advised that the flood money won't be available at GHS school until the students start there next year.

However, next year the funds can be accessed for the Year 7 camp.

End Of Term Dates

Please note the new schedule for end of term dates is as follows:

Friday 16 December 2022 - students last day of Term 4

Monday 19 December 2022 - extra school development day

Tuesday 20 December 2022 - last day of Term 4 (already planned as school development day)

2023

Tuesday 31 January 2023 – students return to school

KC shining at the Eisteddfod



What's on in the library!

Upcoming Events

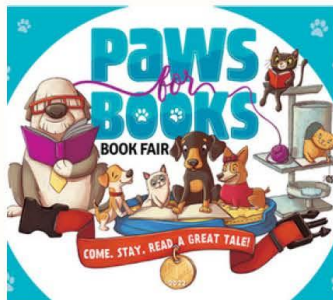
Chess and Checkers
Progressing through to round 2.

Book Fair

21st-23rd November

Book Character Parade

November 23rd



Book Fair

Our annual book fair will be arriving Week 6. All students will be looking through the fair and will have opportunity to write a wish list to help them discuss their purchases.

This year we welcome back our parent volunteers who have been greatly missed. Please keep an eye out for a note with further information this week. Any time you could volunteer is always greatly appreciated.

Purchases can be made in Week 7; Monday through to Wednesday.

We will conclude our fair with our book character parade on the Wednesday.





Reminders

Please double check at home for any lost library books. These books will have the Westlawn PS barcode on the back at the top. I will be sending home notices in the next couple of weeks. If you think you have returned a book please let me know and we will be checking the shelves.



Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 OCT	10 Students Return	11	12 Fire Truck visit for Kindergarten	13 Kickstart to Kindy 9.30am – 12pm	14 Police visit Year 1 and Year 2
2 OCT	17	18 2024 Select Class Applications open	19	20 Kickstart to Kindy 9.30am – 12pm	21 Year 6 half day visit to GHS Stage 2 Police visit
			PSSA ATHLETICS		
3 OCT	24	25	26	27 Kickstart to Kindy 9.30am - 12pm	28 Jacaranda March of Youth on Saturday morning
4 OCT/NO V	31	1 GHS half day taster day Year 6 Kindergarten 2023 Parent Session 5.30pm	2 INFANTS SPORTS FUN DAY	3 Jacaranda Thursday (School open until 1pm)	4
5 NOV	7	8 Grafton Eisteddfod Schools Day	9 Grafton Eisteddfod Schools Day	10 Kickstart to Kindy 9.30am – 2pm	11
6 NOV	14	15 Kindergarten Excursion	16 2024 High School Selective Class applications close	17 Kickstart to Kindy 9.30am – 2pm	18
7 NOV	21 Book Fair open for sales GHS ORIENTATION Day	22 Book Fair open for sales	23 Book Fair open for sales Book Character Parade	24 Kickstart to Kindy 9.30am – 2pm	25
8 NOV/ DEC	28 YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION	29 YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION	30 YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION Year 5 Fun Day	1 YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION Year 5 Fun Day	2 YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION Year 5 Fun Day
9 DEC	5 YEAR 3 CASCADE EXCURSION GROUP 1 YEAR 4 EXCURSION YARRAHAPINNI	6 YEAR 3 CASCADE EXCURSION GROUP 1 YEAR 4 EXCURSION YARRAHAPINNI	7 YEAR 3 CASCADE EXCURSION GROUPS 1 AND 2 YEAR 4 EXCURSION YARRAHAPINNI	8 YEAR 3 CASCADE EXCURSION GROUP 2	9 YEAR 3 CASCADE EXCURSION GROUP 2
10 DEC	12 ANNUAL AWARD PRESENTATION DAY 11.45AM	13	14 YEAR 6 FAREWELL STAGE 2 REWARDS DAY BIG BANANA INFANTS SPECIAL AWARD ASSEMBLY	15 Special Awards Assembly Christmas Carols Night	16 STAGE 3 REWARDS DAY BIG BANANA STUDENTS LAST DAY of term
11 DEC	19 Extra Staff Development Day	20 Staff Development Day			

**Grafton Local Aboriginal
Education Consultative
Group**

**General Meeting followed by
AGM Meeting Notice**

HOW CAN YOU JOIN?

You can sign up to be a local member by attending the next meeting.

All members of the community can become members of the AECG, but only Aboriginal adults (18 years and over) can vote and hold office bearers positions.

One of the goals for 2023 is that we would like to have more Aboriginal people involved from community and those working within our local schools.

The Grafton local AECG will be holding an information and membership session that will include Merit Selection Training.


If you would like more information email:
graftonlaecg@gmail.com
Or visit: www.aecg.nsw.edu.au

**Grafton LAECG
14th November
2022
4:00pm
Grafton Public
School**

**WHAT CAN YOU DO WHILE
YOU'RE A MEMBER OF THE AECG**

- Work on programs for Education
- Be a member of a selectin panel for vacant teaching positions
- Help the community to be a part of local schools

**We would like to invite Families to join the Grafton AECG to be an
integral part of Aboriginal Education**




GPC KIDS

FOR KIDS FROM K-6

TIME: 3.30-5.30PM
PLACE: 116 OLIVER ST STREET,
GRAFTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COST: \$3
CONTACT: JAMES ON 0402 354 099

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10TH

GPC KIDS A GROUP FOR KIDS K-6. INCLUDES AFTERNOON TEA AND SNACKS AND
HEAR A COOL BIBLE TOPIC.
COVID-SAFE PRACTICES IN PLACE

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