



Newsletter

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KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Thank you to all those parents and carers who were able to attend the Kindergarten Orientation session last Monday. Mrs Perl and Mrs Black provided a very informative session about what to expect when your child starts Kindergarten in 2017. If you know of any parents/carers who were unable to attend last Monday please encourage them to contact the school to make an appointment for their child to participate in the Best Start testing which will be held on Monday 30th January and Tuesday 31st January 2017.

CANTEEN AND P&C

The Canteen/P&C committee are urgently seeking volunteers to work in the canteen in 2017. The Canteen/P&C committee are a small but extremely dedicated group of people who do a fantastic job supporting the students throughout the year by opening the canteen, supporting disco's, providing morning tea for special functions, organising mother's and father's day stalls and holding special canteen days. If you would like to be involved please contact the front office with your contact details.

OFFICE STAFF

On a number of occasions I have mentioned what an excellent job our office administration staff do in dealing with the myriad of issues that arise in the day to day running of the school. In my experience, without exception, they are always polite and friendly in all their dealings with both students and parents,

either at the office counter or over the phone. Our administration staff continually go above and beyond what is considered their range of normal duties and give enormous support to the students, be it in making phone calls about lost notes or sending home reminders about excursion fees, finding uniforms for special days, organising food, providing first aid or staying back when students have missed buses. I would please ask that everyone does their best to continually show them the respect that they deserve because without them, the school would not function as efficiently as it does.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING

Miss Watters is still chasing a number of Swim School permission notes. Swim School will commence on Monday 21st November and it is important that all notes are returned before that date. Parents/carers are reminded to please indicate on the bottom of the return slip if your child has permission to use the waterslide on the last day of Swim School. Students will need to pay the \$3 entry fee required each day. The school is paying for the transport to and from the pool.

YEAR 7 ORIENTATION

Parents/carers of those students who will commence High School in 2017 are reminded that both South Grafton and Grafton High will be conducting orientation days on Friday 18th November. The organisation for the days is slightly different.





South Grafton High

Students and carers are to arrive at the school by 9am and the day will commence by 9:20am in the Hall. Parents are encouraged to attend the morning session until 11:00am. Students will need to remain at school until 1:30pm where they will be supervised until pickup. Students are requested to bring their own recess and a pen and paper to write down important information given on the day. A BBQ sausage sizzle lunch will be provided. Students are requested to wear their school sports uniform.

Grafton High

Year 6 into 7 orientation day – all schools: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm at Grafton High School. All Year 7 - 2017 students to attend. Overview of the Year 7 handbook and a tour of the school. Peer support lesson. Lunch provided.

SURF SCHOOL

Thanks to funding provided through the Sporting Schools program years 5/6 will have two surf school sessions at Woolgoolga Main Beach with the surf coaches from Solitary Islands Surf School. The first of these two sessions will be held on Tuesday 22nd November. There is no cost to the students as the funding covers both the transport and coaching. All those students who are eligible should have received their information and permission notes and these are due back by Friday 18th November along with the required registration form.

YEAR 3 EXCURSION

Thank you to those families who have returned the permission notes for the year 3 excursion to the Nymboida Canoe Centre set down for Friday 9th December. Please ensure that all permission notes and money are paid by the due date.

CANTEEN NEWS

The last day for canteen for the year will be Monday 28th November. Due to only 2 weeks left for canteen, some items will be unavailable. Some orders may require substitution. If you can volunteer for next year to help in the canteen please contact the office before the end of term, we urgently need your help.





DIARY DATES

Parents/carers are asked to please mark the following dates in your diaries:

Monday 28th November – Last canteen day for 2016

Tuesday 6th December – Presentation Day

Thursday 8th December - Year Six Farewell

Friday 9th December – Year Six final assembly

Thursday 15th December – Semester Two reports sent home

Friday 16th December – Final day of school for all students in 2016

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Respect for ourselves guides our morals, respect for others guides our manners' – Laurence Sterne



Clarence Valley Aboriginal Healing Centre



in our Healing Garden

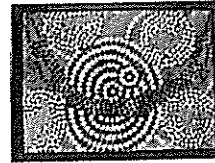
**When: 10 am—12 noon
16 November 2016**

**Where: 18-26 Victoria Street
Grafton**

**All welcome
particularly grandparents
and grandchildren**

For further information please contact the Healing centre on 66428103

GRAFTON ABORIGINAL PLAYGROUP



You and your children can have fun,
make new friends and learn
through play.

Morning tea provided, for parents,
grandparents and carers with
children 0 to 5 years.

GRAFTON PLAYGROUP

Wednesday 11:30pm - 1:30pm

Gummyaney Aboriginal Preschool
30 Pound Street, Grafton

The bus can pick up and
drop off families for these
playgroups. Playgroup is
cancelled when raining.



0409 651 469
www.playgroupnsw.org.au

13 October 2016

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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: YEAR 2 STUDENTS PROGRESSING TO YEAR 3 – 2017

As you are aware the Transport for NSW requires a new application for free travel from students who commence Year 3.

As of May 2016 Transport for NSW require all applications be completed online at www.transportnsw.info/school-students. The old "blue forms" are no longer accepted.

When you receive the application forms for Year 3 2017 ensure all forms are signed, dated and stamped with the school stamp before forwarding to:

Transport for NSW
Locked Bag 5085
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Do not send applications to Busways.

Parents of students deemed ineligible may apply direct to Transport for NSW stating their reasons.

Term passes will be available to ineligible students; parents may obtain the cost from their **local depot** during December/January holidays.

To reduce the risk of eligible year 3 students not having a pass at the beginning of the new school year would you kindly include an article in your newsletter.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully
Busways North Coast Pty Ltd



Melissa Vella
SSTS Supervisor
Busways Group

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ABN 86 000 173 437	Penrith Depot	Windsor Depot	ABN 79 817 812 619	ABN 17 000 044 726	ABN 75 106 202 340
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150 Glendenning Rd Glendenning NSW 2761	47-53 Mullins Rd Penrith NSW 2750	91 Mulgrave Rd Mulgrave NSW 2756	42 Empire Bay Dr Kincumber NSW 2251	9 Arizona Rd Woongarra NSW 2259	6-8 Denham St Port Macquarie NSW 2444

Enjoy a great morning

St. Matthew's Community Fair

Commencing 8.30am till 12.30pm

Saturday Nov. 26 2016

- Tours of the Graveyard
- Entertainment
- Pot Plants and Produce
- Craft and Sewing
- Cakes and slices
- Books
- Linen and Lace
- White Elephant Sale
- Christmas Decorations
- Furniture

**Sausage Sizzle plus
Egg & Bacon Rolls**

**Kids' Jumping
Castle**

**Devonshire
Morning Teas**

*** Raffle tickets on sale
Fabulous prizes

**COLD
DRINKS**



Tyson Street, South Grafton