



# Grafton High School

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School Newsletter  
Week 1 – Term 4, 2019

## Principals Report

### Good Luck Year 12

The HSC exams began this Thursday and on behalf of the school I want to wish our Year 12 the best for their exams and future endeavours.

### Lachlan Firth Callback Performance

Congratulations to HSC student and 2019 Vice-Captain, Lachlan Firth. Following the HSC marking of Dance practical performances, Lachlan's performance and project have been identified as outstanding and nominated for the NSW Department of Education Arts Unit Callback performance at the Seymour Centre in Sydney in February next year. Well done Lachlan!



### New Year 12 SRC

Congratulations to our recently inducted Year 12 – 2020 SRC Prefects and Captains:

- Captains: Lachlan Scott & Kate Smith
- Vice Captains: Ben Crispin & Natasha Clausen
- Prefects: Isaac Cox; Paris Delnawaz; Carmen Dundon; Joshua Godwin; Joseph Lynch; Hayden Woods.



## Tell Them From Me Survey

A reminder that the school is again participating in the state-wide annual Tell Them From Me survey. The Tell Them From Me Survey is a complete evaluation system for measuring student engagement, well-being, classroom climate, and other factors known to affect learning outcomes. Information is captured from students, parents and teachers to inform school policy and practice.

Students have already completed a survey in Term 1 of this year and they are in the process of completing the second follow-up survey. Teachers are also in the process of completing surveys. Parents have the opportunity to complete the survey and I would encourage all parents to do so. The survey will remain open until **Friday 25 October 2019** and can be accessed via the following link: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/9f5b7>

## Student home room classes

This year, we have split our time during roll call each morning in two, to allow time for a proper pastoral care conversation with students. This has had partial success, with a difficulty being the time allocation. Starting in 2020, we will be refining this process further into special student home room groups). Official roll call each day will now occur as part of period one class roll call. At the end of period two, students will move off to their home room group classroom for 25 minutes, prior to recess, on all days except Tuesdays, where they will instead attend either a whole school or year assembly. Apart from some special class groupings, all home room classes will be year-group based, to keep students with their peers and to ensure that conversations and topics can be kept relevant to each group.

The conferences will focus on combinations of group and one-on-one sessions that will support students around issues such as attendance, academic progress, assessments, learning and study skills, as well as relevant topics related to student wellbeing and social issues. When not involved directly with conferencing, students will be encouraged to spend the time, which equates to four periods in a two-week cycle, completing homework and assessment tasks, studying etc. The aim is for home room teachers to really get to know their students. Over time, we hope that teachers will be able to follow their home room group from year to year and these teachers will become a further useful point of contact for parents.

There will be some minor changes to bell times to accommodate home room classes, but this will not involve any change to the school start or end time. I will provide more details on bell times and other changes later this term.

## 2021 Selective High Schools

Information for current Year 5 parents considering applying for the Selective class for Year 7 in 2021. Applications close 10 pm, 11 November 2019. You must apply online at:

<https://hpsuplacement.org.au/>

## Everlasting Clarence Film Premier

In Term 3 a group of Year 10 students were fortunate enough to be invited to participate in film workshops and assist with the filming of a professional documentary on the freshwater wetland of the Clarence Valley called: "Everlasting Clarence". Under the tutelage of multi-award winning filmmaker Simon Portus, students were involved in aspects of planning, shooting, production and promotion. The documentary "uncovers the surprising local stories of the freshwater wetlands and discovers why



these places are so important for the future of the Clarence Valley." The film will premiere at the Saraton Theatre at 6 pm on Wednesday October 30, as an affiliate event of the Jacaranda Festival.

*Peter South – Principal*

## Student Success at Pony Club Competition

Congratulations to Year 8 student, Jemma Whelan on being selected in the Area 3 Pony Club New South Wales Show-jumping Team. Gemma is 1 of 4 to compete at the Sydney Royal Show in 2020.

Area 3 teams are made up of under 17 years riders and each area is made up from 4-6 zones. The best 24 riders under 17 years A graders compete in the teams event, which consists of 2 rounds of show-jumping on the last day at the Sydney Royal Show. Jemma is in Zone 9.



# Your invitation: *Everlasting Clarence*

You are warmly invited to attend the premiere of this short film



Enjoy a musical performance by Grafton High School followed by the premiere of the short film “*Everlasting Clarence*” by multi award-winning filmmaker Simon Portus and Grafton High students.

This documentary uncovers the surprising local stories of the freshwater wetlands and discovers why these places are so important for the future of the Clarence Valley.

## Event details

Wednesday 30 October 2019

6pm — 7pm

Saraton Theatre, 99 Prince St Grafton

To book your free ticket please contact Nina Hardy at

[nina.hardy@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nina.hardy@environment.nsw.gov.au)  
or call 6650 7149

The Clarence Valley  
Aboriginal Community  
presents...

# RIVER DREAMING

A Day of Culture

**FRIDAY 1st November**

**Market Square, Grafton**

**11am to 3pm**

**Music**

**Markets**

**Elders Space**

**Art Display**

**Traditional Dance Groups**

**Entertainment**



**CLARENCE VALLEY ABORIGINAL HEALING CENTRE**

18-26 Victoria Street, Grafton

P: 02 6642 8103 E: [healingcentre@gurehlgam.com.au](mailto:healingcentre@gurehlgam.com.au)

TERM 4

# Art After School

**CREATIVE  
KIDS**

REGISTERED PROVIDER  
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## Clay Lanterns

Have some after school fun with Cassandra-Lyn Palmer & learn how to create clay lanterns with simple techniques & surface designs in time for the Christmas.

- Tuesdays 4pm - 5.30pm
- 8 sessions 15th Oct - 3rd Dec
- Cost \$130. or \$30 with Creative Kids Voucher  
Includes all materials, firing and glazing
- Bookings essential via Eventbrite



## Draw and Design...

Design and draw your dream room by learning basic drawing skills and perspective. Cass will take you through fundamental design and drawing concepts to draw your own special space and create your own portfolio to take home. Perfect for kids who like to draw.

- Wednesday 4.00pm - 5.30pm
- 8 sessions 16th Oct - 4th Dec
- Cost: \$130 or \$30 with Creative Kids Voucher. All materials included.
- Booking essential via Eventbrite



## Clay Angels

Have great fun making little angels and medallions for Christmas. Learn how to use slab rolling & decorating techniques to make little clay decorations for Christmas. Cass will guide you through painting with glazes to make your own special work of art to take home after the last lesson.

- Thursdays 4pm - 5.30pm
- Kindy-Yr2
- 4 sessions - 7 - 28 November
- Cost: \$80 for 4 sessions. materials provided.
- Bookings essential via Eventbrite



More information on the Grafton Regional Gallery website, Facebook page or Eventbrite. Creative Kids Vouchers accepted.





**SCU Robotics  
Club**



**Southern Cross  
University**

School of Environment,  
Science and Engineering



# Workshop Challenge Friday 8th November

*For Primary School and High School Students*

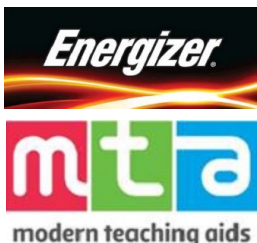
# Maze, Sumo and Dance

*Open to ALL  
Robotic  
Platforms,  
including EV3*



**9.30am – 2.30pm,  
Engineering ~ A Block  
Southern Cross University Lismore**

**Students just need to bring their ROBOTS,  
lunch, snacks and drinks.**



*For further details,  
please contact:*  
robotics@scu.edu.au  
Diana Sims 6626 9714

*SCU has a limited number of lego robot kits available. Please advise in advance if your school would like to borrow kits to use on the day.*



# Country Universities Centre's CUC Clarence Valley (Sep 2019 summary)

The Country Universities Centre's organisation is a not-for-profit organisation, established with the aim of making higher education more accessible for regional and remote communities in NSW.

CUC's are established in Cooma (Snowy Monaro), Broken Hill (Far West), Goulburn, Narrabri – Moree (North West), Griffith – Leeton (Riverina) and **Grafton (Clarence Valley)**.

The Country Universities Centre is based on a model which delivers supported learning to students, providing them with access to campus-level technology, facilities, tutors and a network of fellow students.

Any student, studying at *any Australian University*, studying any course can use the facilities free of charge.

Our vision is to improve equity in higher educational opportunities for rural and remote students.

Country Universities Centre Clarence Valley is at 146 Pound St, Grafton;

CUC Clarence Valley is located directly beside the Clarence Regional Library;

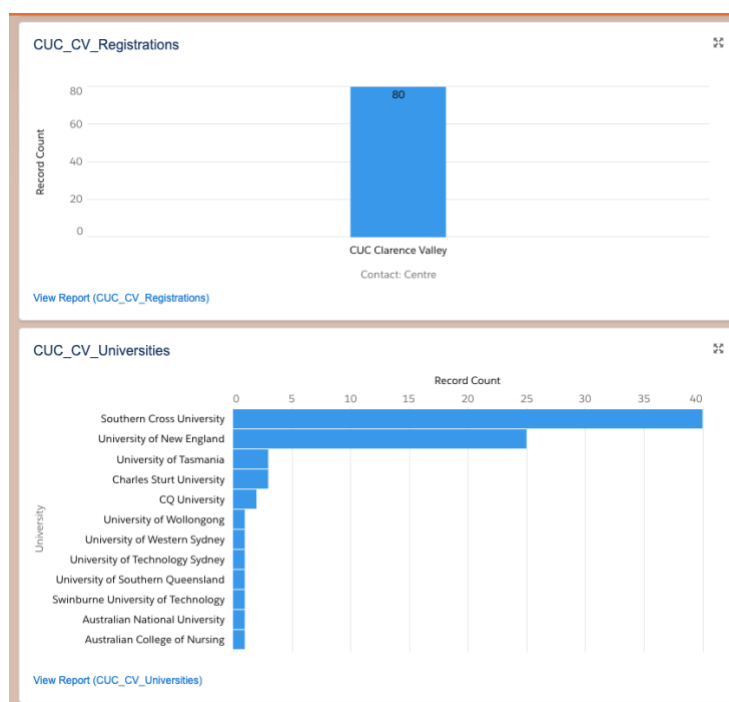
CUC Clarence Valley opened its doors to students on 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2019;

CUC Clarence Valley was officially opened on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2019;

CUC Clarence Valley currently has 80 students (at time of printing) registered and using the Centre;

CUC Clarence Valley is accessible from 6am – midnight with the use of secure swipe cards given to students upon free registration.

CUC Clarence Valley Centre Manager Melanie Lamb is here to guide and support you in your tertiary decisions and challenges.





# GRAFTON BASKETBALL

SATURDAY MORNING BASKETBALL

300 POWELL ST SPORTS CENTRE

9AM START

SKILL SESSION BEFORE GAME

REGISTRATION \$10 THEN \$5 PER DAY

BOYS AND GIRLS 8 YRS TO 14 YRS

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR AUSSIE HOOPS AGES 5 TO 8 COMING SOON

COME ALONG AND PUT SOME BOUNCE INTO YOUR LIFE

THINK TALL THINK BASKETBALL

PHONE PAT ON 0447531494 FOR MORE INFORMATION

littleathletics.com.au

## FAMILY FUN & FITNESS



How to get started  
in Little Athletics

### Who can do Little Athletics?

NSW Little Athletics venues are able to cater for children from 4 to 16 years of age, with many centres able to cater for athletes with a disability. No matter what your skills or ability Little Athletics is all about family, fun & fitness<sup>®</sup> and making sure you can be your best<sup>®</sup>.

### How will I learn?

Many centres have coaches to help you improve and learn about athletics so you can get the most out of your involvement with Little Athletics. Learning is fun and in no time you will see your personal best (PB's) performances improve.

### What are the benefits?

If you are fit it makes you feel good about yourself and you have the energy to do anything. Young people who take an interest in sport are more likely to stay fit for life.

### What does my mum, dad or my family have to do?

Apart from making sure you get safely to and from Little Athletics, your mum and/or dad or your family make great helpers, officials and coaches of the future. Organising, raking, recording, directing and measuring are all jobs families and helpers are asked to do.

### What events can I do?

Depending on your age group Little Athletics offers: Sprints, Middle and Long Distances, Hurdles, Relays, Walks, Shot Put, Discus, Javelin, High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump and Cross Country.

### How friendly is it?

You will find no shortage of friends or friendships at Little Athletics! Little Athletics has provided a friendly environment for over 60 years with millions of Aussies enjoying their experience. If you are uncertain or a little shy, bring your best friend and do Little Athletics together.

### How do I join?

Simply visit our website to register online or contact your nearest centre for details. You can join at any time! Run, jump, throw, have fun and be healthy.



To find your nearest centre visit [www.littleathletics.com.au](http://www.littleathletics.com.au) and click on "Find a centre" or contact: Amber Via Club Facebook

### Grafton Athletics Club Inc

Terry West Oval - Junction Hill  
Free Trial Day/s: Free trial session at 10am on Sunday 13th October  
Season Starts: 18th October 5pm  
Follow us on Facebook: Grafton Athletics Club Inc



Call 02 9633 4571  
[admin@lansw.com.au](mailto:admin@lansw.com.au)

State Association:  
[littleathletics.com.au](http://littleathletics.com.au)  
Little Athletics  
Association of  
New South Wales Inc.  
Locked Bag 95  
Parramatta NSW 2124

NATIONAL NAMING  
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# CAFE 1851 & PRS RIVERRUN

Sunday 3 November - Memorial Park  
10km - 7am | 5km - 8am | 2.4km - 9am



**1851**  
Espresso Bar & Cafe



**PRS**  
Professional Reliable Services



JOG-A-LONG FROM  
MEMORIAL PARK AND  
IMMERSE YOURSELF IN  
THIS JACARANDA  
10KM | 5KM | 2.4KM  
RIVERRUN EXPERIENCE

THE 10KM AND 5KM  
RUNS TAKE ON AN  
ADVENTURE ACROSS THE  
INFAMOUS BENDY  
GRAFTON BRIDGE AND  
BACK

THE 2.4KM ENTRANTS STAY  
ON THE JACARANDA  
CARPETED STREETS OF  
GRAFTON WITH AN  
OPTIONAL COLOURRUN  
CHILDREN WELCOME

**REGISTER AT: [bit.ly/RiverRUN](http://bit.ly/RiverRUN)**  
REGISTRATION INCLUDES TIMING AND BREAKFAST



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[www.jacarandafestival.com](http://www.jacarandafestival.com)

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## Grafton Amateur Swimming Club 2019/2020 Season

Come along and join in the fun at Swim Club

Our FREE\* 'try & sign' night will be held at  
Grafton Olympic Pool from

**6pm on Wednesday, 16 October 2019**

Bring your swimmers and goggles and come along.

Club nights will start at Grafton Olympic Pool at  
**6pm on Wednesday, 23 October 2019**

Minimum age is 4 years, with race distances starting from 25m.

Club nights are designed for both recreational and competitive swimmers and are held in a fun, friendly environment.

For more information please email  
[graftonswimmingclub@gmail.com](mailto:graftonswimmingclub@gmail.com)

\*Pool entry costs apply

# TAFE NSW SUMMER FOOTBALL

[www.summerfootball.com.au](http://www.summerfootball.com.au)

## REGISTER NOW!

Contact your closest Centre:



GRAFTON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB  
[graftonunited@gmail.com](mailto:graftonunited@gmail.com)

Grafton United TAFE NSW Summer Football 2019



## YAMBA NIPPERS

**THE SEASON HAS STARTED BUT ITS  
NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!  
EVERY SUNDAY AT MAIN BEACH FROM  
9AM!**

**COME DOWN INTO THE CLUB HOUSE  
SUNDAY MORNINGS TO JOIN**

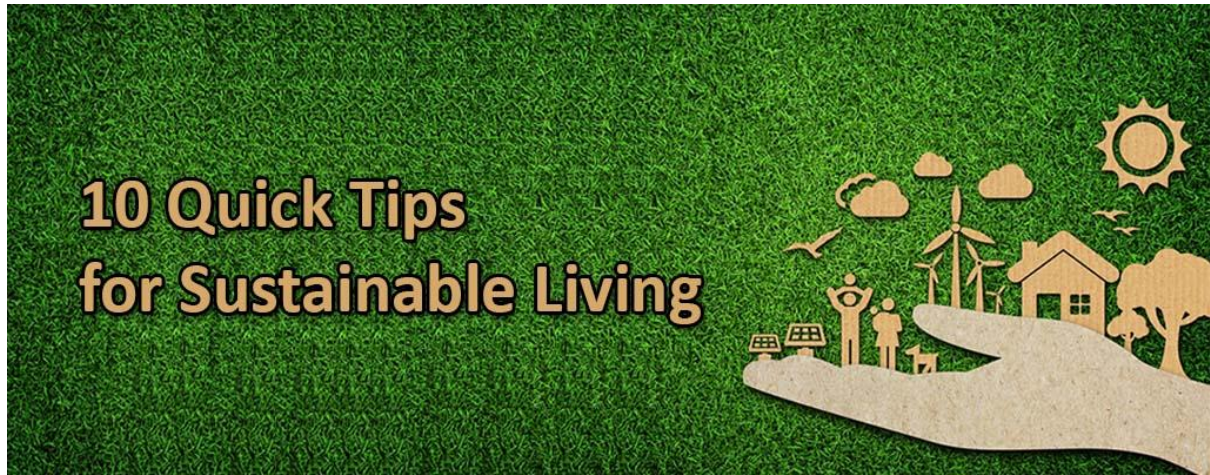


## YAMBA NIPPERS

**YAMBA SLSC WILL BE RUNNING AN SRC  
COURSE STARTING THIS SUNDAY THE  
20TH OF OCTOBER.**

**REQUIREMENTS ARE YOU MUST BE A  
MEMBER OF YAMBA SLSC AND BE 13 BY  
THE END OF THE YEAR.**

**CONTACT YAMBA SLSC TODAY ON  
66462463**



*Want to know what they are?*

*See these and more at the*

## **2019 Sustainable Living Family Festival**

**from 3pm Saturday October 19**

**Sustainable Living displays**

**Speed dating energy savings-bring your power bill!**

**Check out an electric vehicle up close!**

**Workshops**

**Get the most out of your garden**

**Beeswax wraps for your lunch box**

**See where your recycling goes (facility tour)**

**Recycling relay for kids**

**FREE twilight BBQ**

Please join us in celebrating our Clarence Valley sustainability champions and share the good news stories of sustainability. Shop for sustainable products and maybe take home something for **free** from our less to landfill market day.

Fun starts at 3pm Saturday October 19 at the **Clarence Environmental learning Facility, 704 Armidale Road, South Grafton**. Contact Clarence Valley Council for more details 6643 0200.