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Dundurrabin Public School Newsletter Term 2, Week 10, 2025

Principal's Message



Welcome to week 10

As we reflect on the past two weeks, I am filled with pride as I highlight the diverse range of learning opportunities our students have engaged in. It has been a bustling and enriching time here at Dundurrabin PS, showcasing our commitment to delivering a well-rounded education.

Our weekly Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) program continues to inspire our students, allowing them to learn about sustainability and healthy eating through hands-on gardening and cooking experiences. This initiative not only fosters a love for fresh produce but also equips our students with essential life skills.

In the realm of science, our learners have been actively engaged in exciting coding experiences, fostering critical thinking and problem-solving skills. These activities are integral to preparing our students for the future, where technology plays a pivotal role in everyday life.

We have also prioritised quality literacy and numeracy lessons, ensuring that our students build a strong foundation in these essential subjects. Each class is tailored to meet the individual

needs of our learners, promoting growth and confidence in their abilities.

The integration of STEM learning into our curriculum is vital in preparing our students for future challenges. It ignites their curiosity and empowers them to ask questions, seek answers, and develop a lifelong love of learning. This interdisciplinary approach not only enhances our students' scientific understanding but also encourages critical thinking and collaboration.

Music has been another highlight, with students exploring their creativity through various musical experiences. This engagement not only enhances their artistic skills but also contributes to their overall well-being.

I am particularly proud of our Gumbaynggirr language lessons, which celebrate our local Indigenous culture. This initiative enriches our students' understanding of the world around them and fosters respect for Australia's first peoples.

Our Eco Art Challenge has encouraged students in 3-6 to express their creativity while raising awareness about environmental issues. It has been wonderful to see their innovative ideas come to life through art.

Additionally, the participation in the Investigating Mathematics competition K-12 has provided targeted students with the opportunity to apply their mathematical skills in real-world scenarios, promoting a deeper understanding of the subject.

For the youngest learners in our community, our comprehensive transition program is in full swing, ensuring a smooth transition into school life. We are dedicated to providing them with the support they need to thrive in this new environment.

Thank you for your continued support of Dundurrabin PS. Together, we are creating an engaging and dynamic learning environment for our students.

Have a great last week of term and a fabulous Winter holiday!

Katrina Sangster

Every Day Matters

Please remember to explain all days your child is away from school. You can do this in person, by phoning the school, or by sending a text to the school mobile at 0411 939 188. Thank you for your cooperation!



What's on for Term 2 & 3

- Wednesday 2 July - Gubi Gabun Playgroup - 10am to 12 noon
- & Term 2 Assembly & Adults V Students Athletics - 2.00pm
- Friday 4 July - Last day of term

Term 3

- Monday 21 July - Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 22 July - Students return to school
- Wednesday 23 July - Kindergarten Transition 1.30pm to 3.15pm
- Friday 25 July - Small Schools Athletic Carnival - Bellingen HS - All day (Student 8 years & above)
- Tuesday 29 July - P&C Special Spaghetti Bolognese Lunch Order Day
- Wednesday 30 July - NAIDOC on the Plateau - Dorrig High School
- & Gubi Gabun - 10am to 12noon - Dundurrabin PS
- **EDUCATION WEEK - "Reimaging Education for Better Futures"**
- Monday 4 August - P&C Meeting - 4pm
- **Tuesday 5 August - District Athletics - Urunga Recreational Sports Grounds**
- Wednesday 6 August - Kindergarten Transition 1.30pm to 3.15pm

- **SCIENCE WEEK - "Decoding the Universe - Exploring the Unknown with Nature's Hidden Language"**
- Tuesday 12 August - Combined Small Schools Science Day - Dundurrabin PS
- Wednesday 13 August - Gubi Gabun Playgroup - 10am to 12noon - Dundurrabin PS
- **BOOK WEEK - "Book An Adventure"**
- Tuesday 19 August - Book Week Parade "Book An Adventure" - 9.15am
- Wednesday 20 August - Kindergarten Transition 1.30pm to 3.15pm
- Wednesday 27 August - Gubi Gabun Playgroup 10am to 12noon - Dundurrabin PS
- Wednesday 3 September - Kindergarten Transition - 9am to 12noon
- Wednesday 10 September - Gubi Gabun Playgroup - 10am to 12noon - Dundurrabin PS
- Wednesday 17 September - Kindergarten Transition - 11.30am to 3.15pm
- Wednesday 24 September - Gubi Gabun Playgroup - 10am to 12 noon

& Term 3 Assembly & Adults V Students Sport Game - 2.00pm

- Thursday 25 September - School Photos

Holiday Break

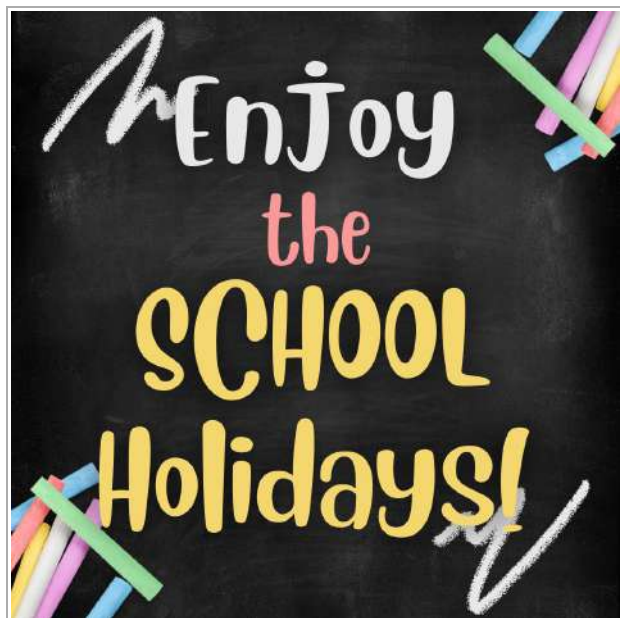


This Friday 4 July is the last day of term 2.

Staff will return on Monday 21 July for a School Development Day.

Students will return on Tuesday 22 July 2025.

We hope all families have a relaxed and safe holiday break. Stay well and healthy and we will see you all back at school in term 3.



Consent Notes to be Returned

- Small Schools Athletic Carnival Consent Note - By Thursday 3 July
- NAIDOC Day Consent Notes - By Friday 4 July
- Special P&C Lunch Day Order & Money - By Tuesday 22 July



Small Schools Athletic Carnival - Postponed

Due to the weather, our annual School's Small Athletics Carnival has been postponed and will now be held on **Friday 25 July** at Bellinghen High School Sports Oval starting at 9.15am and finishing at approximately 2.30pm.



Parental transport is needed for this event. Mr Williamson and will be attending on the day. They will be there from 8.40am.

Due to limited space at Bellinghen High School, only competitive students aged 8 years and above will be eligible to compete.

K-2 students will remain here at school with Mrs Sangster as normal.

If your child/ren are interested in competing in the 1500m events, these races will be ran from 8.45am before the main carnival. Please let us know if your child is competing in this event.

All lunch orders will carry over to the upcoming date.

A new consent note is being sent home today, please return them by this Thursday 3 July.

3-6 Class - PG Movie Afternoon "Wonder"

This term 3-6 students have studied and read the novel "Wonder" during class. To follow up on this, we will be watching the PG rated movie "Wonder" this week. If you do not wish for you child to participate, please let us know by tomorrow morning.



Term 2 Assembly & Sport Afternoon

We are excited to invite you to our Term 2 Assembly

on Wednesday, July 2, at 2pm. Join us for an afternoon of celebration and fun as we showcase student achievements, present awards, and share some wonderful student work.

This assembly will also feature a friendly "Parents vs. Students" mini athletics carnival, where everyone can get involved and enjoy some light-hearted competition.



Term 2 Student Reports - this Wednesday

This term we are sending student reports home via email. Please ensure your email address is correct with school.

Reports will be emailed this **Wednesday 2 July**. Please let us know if you would still like a paper copy.



Eco Art Recycling

Our students have been busy creating an art piece using recycled materials in the theme of "Preservation of the Ocean and it's marine life".

An Exhibition will be held from 1st - 20th July at Coffs Central Shopping Centre with our students art piece being on display.

This is a competition that is judged by votes, so if you are down at Coffs during these dates, please pop in and check out your child's art and vote for us! There is \$3000 worth of prizes up for grabs!

People's Choice – will be determined via an in-centre vote from the public throughout the entirety of the exhibition period. Runner Up Award – will be determined via an in-centre vote from the public throughout the entirety of the exhibition period. Gowings Choice Award – will be determined by Gowings' Chief Sustainability Officer.

Our exhibition display is called:

3-6 Students- Dundurrabin Public School - Fake Plastic Ocean

"Our Ocean is a Sea of plastic. We have made a polluted Ocean with a ship made out of rubbish. This represents all the rubbish that pollutes the Ocean. To preserve our Oceans we need to recycle waste and find new ways to take plastic out of it. The Ocean is necessary for our survival and the animals that live in it. We should look after our Ocean because if we don't we will not have fish to eat or a clean Ocean to swim in. If we don't save the Ocean we will regret it."





School Bytes Parent Portal

What is the School Bytes Parent Portal?

The School Bytes Parent Portal offers convenience and flexibility, allowing you to:

- Make online school payments, including payments for multiple siblings, simultaneously.
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions.
- Download payment receipts.
- View all historical payments in one place.
- Complete and submit digital permission notes.
- View the status of all permission notes.
- Request a refund if necessary.

This service can be accessible at your convenience at any time, day or night.

Through the Parent Portal, you can easily download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept payment via cash and cheque.

School Bytes – If you haven't already done so, please see the **Parent Portal** information below to connect to these new features. **An email was sent home on Thursday 5 June with the link.**

Attendance – The simplest way to explain your child's absence from school will be through the Parent Portal of School Bytes. Once our SMS has been sent, please respond using either option provided so we can make sure all records are up to date. As always, if you'd like any support with attendance, we're only a phone call, email or visit away.

School Bytes

Quick links

- Statement of Account
- Payment History
- Excursions
- Calendar

- Make payments
- Give permission and pay for excursions/incursions.
- Check your payment history.
- Request refunds.
- Apply credit to your account.

School Bytes App Download:

iPhone

Android

AVAILABLE NOW!

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments

The Parent Portal

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund

School Bytes

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>

School Bytes Parent App

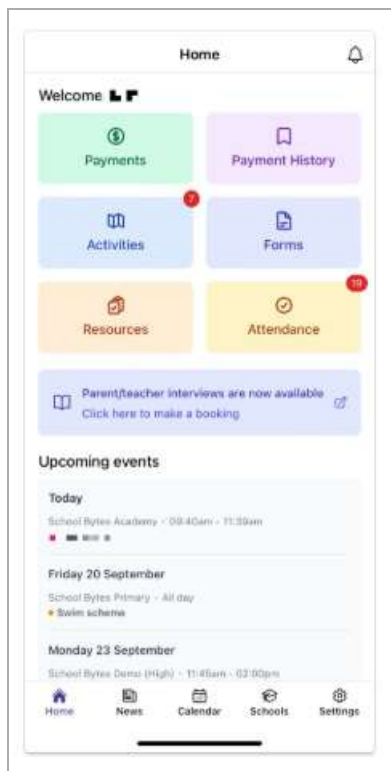
School Bytes team has launched a parent app for Apple and Android devices.

This app is designed to complement the parent portal, and makes it easier for parents to use School Bytes on their mobile devices. In addition, a key feature is the addition of push notifications so you can send out alerts to parents through the app.

The app can be downloaded on the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store. Direct links are provided below:

- App Store
– <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/school-bytes/id6463097826>
- Google Play
– <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=education.schoolbytes>

An example of the look of the parent app is below.



An email was sent home previously. Please check your emails and follow the links so that we can get this up and running at Dundurrabin.

STEM - Skeletal

This term, our students have been exploring the incredible human body! We've delved into the skeletal system, discovering its amazing functions and learning about the various bones that support us.

We've also learnt about the heart and the complex network of vessels that transport blood and oxygen throughout our bodies, keeping us alive and thriving. Stay tuned for more discoveries!



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden News

Week 8

This week we continued with the Winter chores, weeding garden paths and hand raking leaves and wood chip.

We harvested eggs, garlic chives, parsley, capsicum, kale, silverbeet, leeks, celery, lemons and rhubarb. Many thanks to the McGuire and McLennan families for donations of chokos, lemons and avocados, and to the Tyler family for a donation of Dutch cream potatoes.

This week in the kitchen we cooked pikelets with a fresh warm rhubarb jam, potato and choko hash browns with avocado, pumpkin and feta mini frittatas, seared with a fresh fruit platter.

This week the cooking award goes to Bailey Freeman for fantastic fritter making!

Week 9

This week we swapped groups around and made great headway with weeding, raking and barrowing tasks around the school, taking advantage of the slow rate of weed growth.

We harvested eggs and parsley. Many thanks to Laz for weekly donations of avocados.

In the kitchen we made Turkish Pide, with a variety of toppings including home made spiced mushroom mice and feta, ham and pineapple, and capsicum and cabonossi. We also made mini upside down cakes for dessert. Yum!

This week the cooking award goes to Tom Duckett for displaying maturity and leadership behaviour in the kitchen.

NAIDOC Day on the Plateau

All school students on the Plateau will be participating in NAIDOC celebrations at Dorriggo High School next term on Wednesday 30 July.



The 2025 theme, "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy," celebrates not only the achievements of the past but the bright future ahead, empowered by the strength of our young leaders, the vision of our communities, and the legacy of our ancestors.

We will catch the town bus to Dorriggo High School and home from Dorriggo High School in the afternoon. The cost of the bus will be \$2.00 per student. There will be no cost for the activities on the day. Mrs Sangster will accompany students on the town bus to and from Dorriggo High School to Tyingham Store.

Students who normally catch Wykes bus will need to catch the High School bus run and return home on the High School bus run. All other students will need to be at Tyingham Store at 7.45am ready to board the town bus and be collected at the Tyingham Store at 3.50pm.

Students will need to wear full school uniform (sport shirt), appropriate footwear, hat and bring water bottles, packed recess and lunch. There will be no food available on the day.



2026 Kindergarten Transition - Robots

As our little ones prepare for kindergarten, we're excited to introduce them to coding and creative activities like making robot art! We aim to make the transition special with engaging projects that spark curiosity and creativity.

Coding helps kids learn problem-solving and critical thinking. It's not just about computers; it's about teaching new ways to think. Using games and simple activities, we show them coding in a fun way.

Below is a poster with all our Term 3 dates coming up.





KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION Program

Join us for engaging and fun educational activities in preparation for Kindergarten in 2026.

Our Term 3 Dates

Wednesday 6 August
1:30pm - 3:15pm

Wednesday 20 August
1:30pm - 3:15pm

Wednesday 3 September
9am - 12noon

Wednesday 17 September
11:30am - 3:15pm

For children starting Kindergarten in 2026

Contact Us
0266578133

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Gubi Gabun - This Wednesday 18 June.

GUBI GABUN PLAY SESSIONS

At Dundurrabin Public School

COME AND JOIN US!
WEDNESDAYS FORTNIGHTLY
10AM - 12NOON
GUBI GABUN CHILDREN'S MOBILE SERVICE PROVIDES QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATIONAL PLAY SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
THIS IS A FREE SESSION

Term 3

- 30 July
- 13 August
- 27 August
- 10 September
- 24 September

DATES FOR TERM 3, 2025







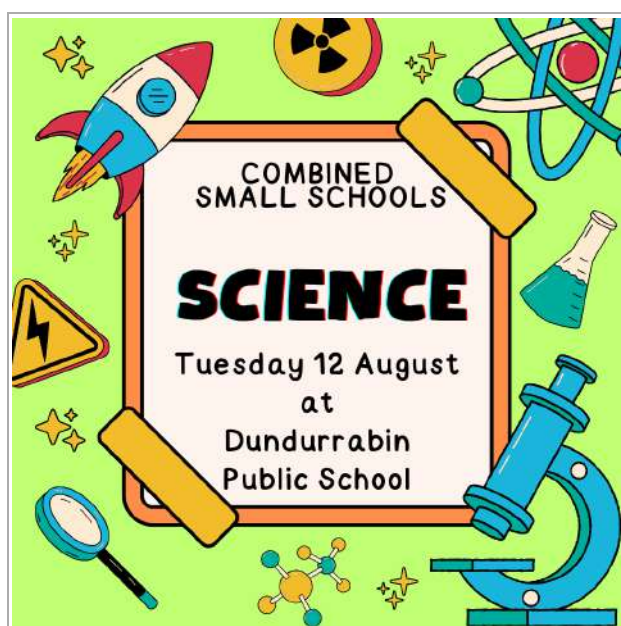
For Further Information Contact
Phone: 02 6772 3120
Mobile: 0428 723 120
Email: contact@gubigabun.com
Or Follow us on Facebook

P&C Special Spaghetti Bolognese Lunch Day

We will have a special "Spaghetti Bolognese and Cookie" lunch day on Tuesday 29 July. Lunch orders are being sent home today. Please return them with money by Tuesday 22 July (Week 1-Term 3). Thank you.

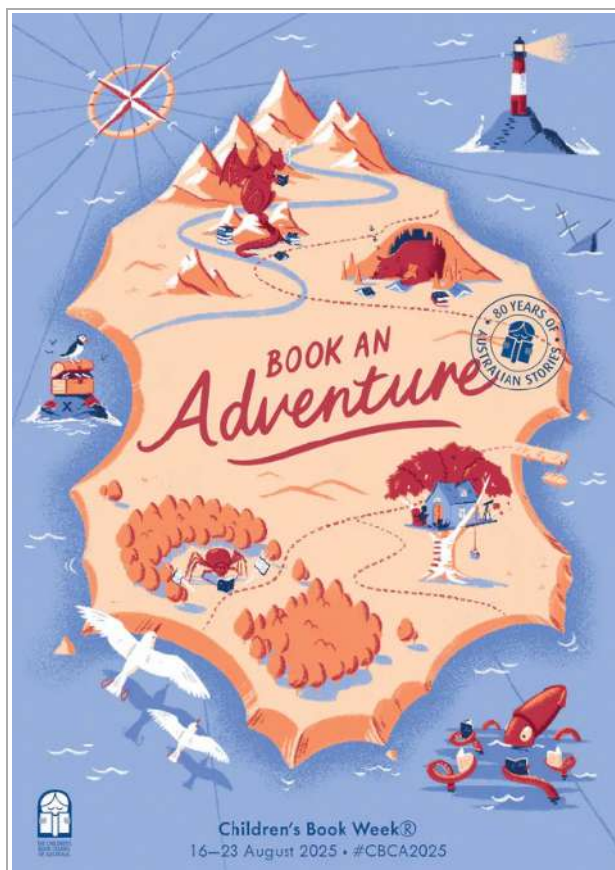
Combined Schools Science Day

Dundurrabin PS will be hosting a combined schools Science Day here on Tuesday 12 August (Week 4) next term. A lunch order form will be sent home with your child/ren next term. More information next newsletter.



Book Week Parade

We will be holding our Book Week Parade on Tuesday 19 August- week 5 next term. This year's Book week theme is "Book an Adventure". The Book Parade will start 9.15am. Parents and friends are invited to attend. This year marks the 80th anniversary of Children's Book Week. The theme encourages children to see reading as a way to explore new worlds and possibilities.



Upcoming Events in Term 3: Daily Skipping and Annual Chess Competition

As we move into Term 3, we are excited to announce two engaging activities that will enhance our students' physical and cognitive skills: Daily Skipping and our Annual Chess Competition.

Daily Skipping Program

Starting next term, we will be launching our Daily Skipping program! This initiative aims to promote physical fitness and coordination among our students while having fun. Skipping is an excellent cardiovascular workout that helps improve agility, balance, and endurance. Students will participate in daily skipping sessions during recess, where they can practice individual skills or join in group activities. We encourage all students to take part, as skipping is a fantastic way to stay active and energised throughout the day. Additionally, we will be holding a special Skipping Showcase towards the end of the term, where students can demonstrate their skills and creativity with skipping routines.

Annual Chess Competition We are also thrilled to announce our Annual Chess Competition, which will take place next term! This event provides an excellent opportunity for students to develop critical thinking, strategy,

and sportsmanship. Whether your child is a seasoned player or a beginner, we welcome all skill levels to join in the fun. The competition will be held over several weeks, with students competing in a friendly yet challenging environment. Students will have the chance to learn from each other, improve their skills, and enjoy the camaraderie that comes with playing chess.

We look forward to an exciting Term 3 filled with activity, learning, and plenty of fun!



Year 6 Sydney Excursion

Our Year 6 students have been invited to join with Dorrig, Hernani and Chandler Public School on an excursion to Sydney from October 20 to October 24, 2025 (Week 2 – Term 4).

The total cost of the excursion will be \$650–\$700 per student. The school will contribute \$100 towards the cost per student as well as the P&C has kindly donated \$50.00 per student, reducing the remaining cost per student to \$500–\$550. There will be some fundraising opportunities that can be utilised to help reduce your child's cost.

Planning is well underway. More updates when everything is locked in.

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2025 Learning Contributions – SAKG Fees

**2025
SAKG
PROGRAM
FEES**

**\$40.00 - Yearly Fee
or
\$10.00 - Per Term**

To help with the ongoing costs of this program such as cooking ingredients, seeds and seedlings.
This allows all students to learn how to grow, harvest, prepare and share a meal each week.

**Witcham Alexander
KITCHEN GARDEN
National Program**
Growing Horizons, Inspiring Beauty

Student invoices / Statement of Accounts are being sent home today with your child/ren. Thank you to our families that have already paid theirs.

P&C News and Community News

P&C Meeting – Monday 4 August

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 4 August at 4pm. It would be wonderful if we could have as many people as possible attend. This is a great opportunity to find out about and get involved with what is happening within the school. Please come along, share a cuppa and enjoy a relaxed and friendly gathering. We'd love to see more faces for new ideas and support.

EVERYONE WELCOME

P&C MEETING

 **Monday, 4 August, 2025**
4.00pm

 **Dundurrabin Public School**



Dundurrabin P&C Association

MEAT RAFFLES

HELD AT EBOR HOTEL

DRAWN MONTHLY THURSDAY EVENINGS

2025 RAFFLE DATES:

- 17 JULY
- 14 AUGUST
- 11 SEPTEMBER
- 9 OCTOBER
- 6 NOVEMBER
- 4 DECEMBER

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT TYRINGHAM STORE OR PLEASE CONTACT LEONIE PANKHURST: **0413 158 466**

Proceeds to help Dundurrabin P&C support the students of Dundurrabin PS



Dundurrabin Public School P & C

WINTER WOOD RAFFLE




TICKETS \$2 OR 3 FOR \$5

Drawn at end of Term 2 Assembly
Thank You for your support - Good Luck


Introducing Dorrigo Dramatic Club's

YOUNG DRAMA PROGRAM

Starting in Term 3, 2025 for primary school aged children, the DDC Young Drama Program will help your child develop skills for the stage through a variety of activities and games. Great for building confidence, developing team work skills and making friends and memories!



Register your interest by completing the form on <https://tinyurl.com/49skrmn8> or by scanning the QR code on this poster.





at Durrurrabin Community Centre

Bring along any extra home made or home grown produce to exchange with others

Join for updates <https://www.facebook.com/groups/681212274247994>

CLARENCE YOUTH

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 12-18!

WEEK 1

FLOWER CROWN WORKSHOP
Monday 7th July, 2pm to 4pm
Glenreagh Community Hall, Glenreagh
Bookings essential text – 0478 099 905

DROP-IN – BALL GAMES & TOASTIES
Monday 7th July, 3:30pm to 5pm
Coutts Crossing Skate Park, Coutts Crossing
Just turn up!

DREAM CATCHER WORKSHOP
Tuesday 8th July, 2pm to 4pm
Iluka Community Hall, Iluka
Bookings essential text – 0478 099 905

SKATE & CREATE WORKSHOP
Tuesday 8th July, 2pm to 4pm
Woolli Skate Park, Woolli
Bookings essential -
<https://www.clarence.nsw.gov.au/skateboarding-workshop-woolli>

GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP
Wednesday 9th July, 2pm to 4pm
Pirate Park, South Grafton
Bookings essential text – 0423 134 173

LOWER CLARENCE NAIDOC COMMUNITY FUN DAY
Wednesday 9th July, 10am to 2pm
Ford Park, Yamba
Just turn up!

OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION
Bootcamp & Snacks
Wednesday 9th July, 3:30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box, Wherrett Park, Maclean
Just turn up!

NAIDOC 2025 COMMUNITY FUN DAY
Thursday 10th July, 10am to 2pm
Grafton Showground, Grafton
Just turn up!

GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP
Friday 11th July, 2pm to 4pm
Bailey Park, Ulmarra
Bookings essential text – 0423 134 173

OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION
Soccer & Toasties
Friday 11th July, 3:30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box, Yamba Skate Park, Yamba
Just turn up!

For more information and updates, check out our Facebook page Clarence Valley Youth.
Please call 0428 428 906 if more details are required.
Outdoor activities will be postponed in the case of wet weather.
Programs proudly sponsored by:

Wax Lyrical U18's

Songwriter Showcase

Perform your original song for a chance to win prizes!

MONDAY 14TH JULY - WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY
10AM - 1PM

HOW IT WORKS:
You'll have 20 minutes to perform LIVE at Grafton Shoppingworld!

But here's the important part—only your original song will be recorded and submitted to our sponsors for voting. So, make sure your original song is front and center!

WHAT CAN YOU WIN?!

1st Prize: \$500 Recording Package with Clarence Valley Sound, PLUS an exclusive interview on FM104.7 and your song played live on AIR!

2nd Prize: \$100 Grafton Shoppingworld Gift Voucher

3rd Prize: \$50 Grafton Shoppingworld Gift Voucher

SIGN UP NOW!
Email your expression of interest and details to Ryan at admin@ryanmartin.com.au
Entries close Wednesday 9th July

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CLARENCE YOUTH

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 12-18!

WEEK 2

WEARABLE ART WORKSHOP
Monday 14th July, 2pm to 4pm
Coutts Crossing Community Hall, Coutts Crossing
Bookings essential text – 0414 284 150

SKATE & CREATE WORKSHOP
Tuesday 15th July, 2pm to 4pm
Grafton Skate Park, Grafton
Bookings essential -
<https://www.clarence.nsw.gov.au/skateboarding-workshop-grafton>

LASER SKIRMISH
Tuesday 15th July, 2pm to 4pm
Memorial Park, Lawrence
Just turn up!

LASER SKIRMISH
Wednesday 16th July, 2pm to 4pm
Woombah Park, Woombah
Just turn up!

OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION
Soccer & Snacks
Wednesday 16th July, 3:30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box, Wherrett Park, Maclean
Just turn up!

SURFING WORKSHOP
Thursday 17th July, 9am to 12noon
Main Beach, Minnie Water
Bookings essential text – 0447 693 863

DRUMMING WORKSHOP & ACTIVITIES BY MUDYALA
Thursday 17th July, 2pm to 4pm
Rocky Mouth Pavilion (Showground), Maclean
Just turn up!

OUT OF THE BOX YOUTH SESSION
Bootcamp, Giant Jenga & Milkshakes
Friday 18th July, 3:30pm to 5pm
Out of the Box, Yamba Skate Park, Yamba
Just turn up!

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