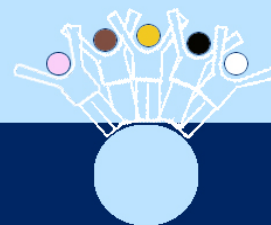


Griffith Public School

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NEWSLETTER TERM 2 WEEK 10

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Term 2 2011

Calendar

Week 10	NAIDOC WEEK
Thursday, June 30 th	10.30am Aboriginal Elders Morning Tea
Friday, July 1 st	Jelly Baby Day K-6 Assembly Last day of Term

*Please note dates from week to week as there are some changes

TERM 3 Students Return to school on Tuesday 19th July

National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Week 2011

Thank you all who attended the Flag Raising Assembly on Monday. It was wonderful to see so many community members supporting GPS and our NAIDOC Week celebrations.

Roger Penrith, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer for Griffith City Council spoke about the future and reminded students that if they work hard and come to school they will achieve great things.



The audience was entertained by Kindergarten

students, Wiradjuri Pre-Schoolers and a Koori girls' dance group that was trained by Olivia Simpson. Alan Mackenzie played didgeridoo with Noah Carberry-Beale and Leon Bamblett while Tegan and Bryce Simpson raised the flags. Everyone enjoyed a Sausage Sizzle at the conclusion of the Assembly.



On Tuesday students participated in activities with the Men's Group, Women's Group and Youth of the Streets workers.

Today students are rotating around classrooms as they will be participating in a variety of Aboriginal activities.

Tomorrow at 10.30am Aboriginal Elders are invited to come to school for morning tea. The Murrumbidgee Irrigation Men's Group will also be visiting and leading some students in activities.

Our NAIDOC Week celebrations will finish on Friday. All Koori students will invite a friend to share afternoon tea at Fruit Break.

Thank you very much to Mrs Jan Kitchingman for organising all the activities for NAIDOC Week. Mrs Kitchingman has high expectations of all students and encourages students to be proud. She is also supportive of parents and carers. Thank you also to Maxine Kirby who has assisted in many areas of organisation for NAIDOC Week. Thank you to all staff for their assistance and support of all NAIDOC Week activities and a special thank you to all our

special visitors this week.

KROP Costume Group

Thank you to all the parents and community members who worked hard last week and today preparing the costumes for this year's KROP item, a Tongan Dance. Mrs McWhirter and Mrs Lander along with Anne Kelton, Janet Buckton, Siosi Liu, Angela Kaa, Patricia Myers and Tilila Moala worked hard preparing the costumes.



Jelly Baby Day-Raising Money for Diabetes

This Friday pick a colour and come dressed in that colour, bring along 20c to guess how many Jelly Babies in the jar and a gold coin donation.

All money raised will be donated to Diabetes Australia. Miss Sergi who is participating in "Dancing with Our Stars" is supporting this charity as we have students at our school who have Diabetes.

We all wish Miss Sergi and her dance partner Lui (from Star FM) all the best, we think she is very brave and we are all very proud of her. Go Miss Sergi!

Year 5 and 6 Excursion

Congratulations to all students who attended the excursion in Canberra last week, your behaviour was outstanding and a good time was had by all. Thank you to Mrs Campbell, Mr Workman and Maxine Kirby who made the excursion possible by volunteering their time to make a 3 night excursion possible.

Next Term we will feature some photos and reports about the trip to Canberra.

Debating

Our second debate in the local competition was held yesterday against Griffith East PS. The topic of the debate was "Australia should give more money to needy countries". Our team of Jorja Waring-Bryant, Rose Bretherton, Julian Marela-Kirarua, Vienna Tanuvasa and Iva Bromley argued in the affirmative. The team showed how much they have learnt about presentation by using strong voices and strong words. In the end the result was a draw, which rarely happens in debating! Well done!

School Photos

The following group photos are available to order.

SRC-\$17.00

Choir-\$14.00

School Captains-\$17.00

Please place your order with payment at the school office by the end of this term.

Thank you.

P&C News

A date to note for your calendar is Friday 26th August. We are having a Party Expo in the old staffroom. You will be able to look at and purchase goods such as Tupperware, Scrap Booking, Children's Books and Toys and lots more. More information at a later date.

Next meeting is Wednesday 3rd August at 7pm in the staffroom.

Canteen News

Thank you to last week's helpers Kerri Sutton, Shirley Power and Janet Buckton.

We have had a busy Term catering for Athletics and Netball Carnivals. Thank you once again to all the wonderful people who have helped in the Canteen. Have a safe holiday.

Thank you, Brenda.

Attendance

Well done to all the students who attend school regularly and thank you to all the parents who provide a note or ring the office when their child is absent.

It is a Department of Education requirement that all absences be explained within seven days or your child will record an unjustified absence.

If you need to travel overseas or have a family emergency, please notify the school so that the correct paperwork can be completed.

Please make sure your child arrives at school on time, late arrivals are recorded. It is important your child arrives to school on time; mornings are the best learning time.

KROP

KIDS RAPT ON PERFORMING

A wonderful opportunity to see our GPS item, "A Taste of Tonga" and to watch other schools from around the region perform.

What; Performing Arts Extravaganza

Who; All children K-6. We only have 30 seats available.

When; Friday 4th August at 11 am.

Where; Griffith Regional Theatre (Children will be walking to the Theatre).

Cost; \$7.00

HURRY! HURRY! HURRY! LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE!

NAIDOC Week





Shalandah in 3/4R has made an outstanding effort with her writing and bookwork. Well done Shalandah, Miss Robinson and Miss Hayman are very proud of you.

Win a \$5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 10

Give your newsletter to your parent or carer to read. Ask them to sign this slip and put it in the box in the front office. If your slip is drawn out at Friday's assembly, you will win **one \$5 canteen voucher!** Two slips will be drawn out at each assembly.

Student / Family name: _____

Parent / Carer Signature: _____

Tennis Camp

4th-7th July, 9am-12pm, 5 Years and up.
To register phone Jess 0439100357 or Blake

Southern Summer Rugby

School Holiday Country Rugby Coaching Program.
Leeton Rugby Club, Wednesday 6th July, 9am-2pm. More information available at school.

LOST ON CANBERRA EXCURSION, ONE PAIR OF BLACK SCHOOL SHOES WITH VELCRO TABS. IF MIXED UP WITH YOUR CHILD'S LUGGAGE PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL THANK YOU.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Do your children *drive you mad* through the school holidays?
Do you need to get them *out of the house*?

Mums and Dads - here's your chance to have a break!!! OR just come down for a coffee or lunch and let the kids play.

MONDAY 4th July and 11th July - 11am to 12pm

PAINTING - your child can unleash their artistic flair and paint a masterpiece - (3yrs+) Cost \$2 per child

TUESDAY 5TH July and 12th July - 11am to 12pm

KIDS COOKING CLASS - children make their own scrumptious scones - (5yrs+) Cost \$2 per child

WEDNESDAY 6TH July and 13th July - 11am to 12pm

ORIGAMI - children will love to learn this Chinese paper craft - (5yrs+) Cost \$2 per child

THURSDAY 7TH July and 14th July - 11am to 12pm

PLAYDOUGH FUN - your children will use their imagination and make interesting sculptures out of colourful playdough! (3yrs+) Cost \$2 per child

FRIDAY 8th July and 15th July - 11am to 12pm

MICKEY MOUSE, MINNIE MOUSE and HUNKY MUNKY FUN DAY - Play games and competitions while being entertained by these three fabulous characters! (3yrs+) Cost FREE

DON'T FORGET - WE WILL DO THE CLEANING UP!!!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

10AM TO 5PM, 7 DAYS

Parental supervision is required within our centre while our fun & friendly team organise and run the activities

For more details please contact Hunky Dory on Phone 6964 3679 or call in and see us at Railway St Griffith
Numbers are limited