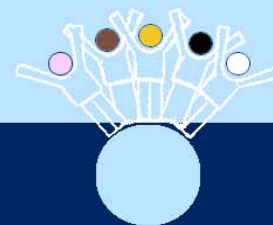


Griffith Public School

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NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 1

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Term 3 2011

Calendar

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

Week 1

Thursday, July 21 st	KROP Dress Rehearsal
Friday, July 22 nd	1pm K-2 Assembly

Week 2

Friday, July 29 th	1pm K-6 Assembly
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Week 3 Education Week

Monday, August 1 st	10.30am Education Week K-6 Assembly
Tuesday, August 2 nd	10.30am GPS School Choir perform at the Central Plaza
Wednesday, August 3 rd	12.45pm Year 1 & 2 perform at the Central Plaza 7pm P&C Meeting
Thursday, August 4 th	KROP
Friday, August 5 th	KROP 12.10pm Stage 2 (Years 3&4) Assembly

Week 4

Thursday, August 11 th	GPS KROP perform at Riverina Principals' Conference
Friday, August 12 th	1pm, K-6 Assembly

Week 5

Friday, August 19 th	Zone Athletics Carnival
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Welcome Back

We hope everyone had a relaxing holiday ready for another wonderful Term.

There are many exciting events taking place this Term so please read the newsletter regularly and check the calendar each week.

Our new COLA, which was funded by the Premier's Sporting Grant and the school, has been completed over the school holidays. The COLA will provide a sheltered area for sports activities during lesson and play time.



Term Two Attendance

Congratulations to all the students who received 100% attendance awards for Term Two. Seventy seven students received this award which is a quarter of the school, well done.

Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps to build and maintain friendships with other children. If children miss the basic skills in the early years of school, they often experience difficulties in coping with their schoolwork in later years.

Thank you to all the parents who ring the school or provide notes when their child is sick or has to take leave.

Congratulations also to the classes who receive weekly attendance awards. Each class that receives three of these awards earns a special picnic lunch. Last term's lunch winners were 6C,

KB & KL. The kindergarten children will have their picnic lunch this term.

Thank you to McDonalds and Star Bowling and Griffith City Cinemas for supporting our attendance program.

Intensive Swimming

From the 12th to the 23rd of September students in Years 2-6 will have the opportunity to participate in an intensive swimming program. The cost of the program is \$35. A note with more information will be sent home with students tomorrow.

Stage 3 Excursion- Australian Government Assistance for National Capital Excursion



Students from our school had a wonderful educational excursion to Canberra last week. While on this tour they focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist parents and carers in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward travel expenses incurred. This was paid directly to the school so students were charged \$300 for the excursion instead of \$320. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this programme. Activities included seeing Question Time at Parliament, visiting the Mint, CSIRO and the National Museum. The school visited many important institutions in

Canberra and students learnt a lot about how our system of Government works.



Jelly Baby Day-Raising Money for Diabetes

Last Term Miss Sergi organised a 'Jelly Baby Day'. Students and staff dressed as Jelly Babies and entered a 'Jelly Baby Guessing Competition'. \$230.00 was raised for Diabetes Australia and Hollie Penrith won the jar of Jelly Babies. Miss Sergi and her dance partner, Lui, along with the other contestants in 'Dancing With Our Stars' raised \$40 000 for local charities. Miss Sergi's hard work and commitment to dance training paid off with her and Lui being the overall winners of the competition!



Behaviour Expectations

This term all students who are not on Silver or Gold levels will start the term on Bronze. This allows

them the opportunity to begin afresh and aim towards a higher level. All students should aim to;

- Always be polite and act responsibly.
- Always wear school uniform including black shoes, blue socks and black or blue hair accessories (no leggings, dangly jewellery or nail polish).
- Always attends school and maintain the schools attendance goal of 93% attendance throughout the year.
- Be consistent in completing their homework and in borrowing library books.
- Always have neat, well organised bookwork and take pride in the school environment, respecting all property.
- Participate in school activities.

Premiers Sporting Challenge

All students at Griffith PS will be participating in the Challenge again this year. The Challenge includes a range of initiatives with one common purpose - to have more students, more active, more of the time! The Premier's Sporting Challenge aims to engage young people in sport and physical activity and encourages them to lead healthy, active lifestyles. Please check the newsletter each week for more information about the challenge!

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

Welcome back. We are still making Hot Milos this term for 60c. Pluto Pups \$3.00, Nuggets \$3.00, Pies \$3.00, Pizza \$2.20. Thank you, Brenda.

Canteen Roster

Wednesday 20 th	Kerri
Thursday 21 st	Helper
Friday 22 nd	Elena
Monday 25 th	Elena
Tuesday 26 th	Kerri Sutton

NAIDOC Week Elders Morning Tea

GPS celebrated NAIDOC Week during Week 10 of Term 2. Mrs Kitchingman and Maxine Kilby organised a lovely morning tea for the Elders of our community. The school choir sang for our visitors. Thank you to Mrs Lander and Mrs Kitchingman for the wonderful job they do teaching the choir, the choir performed brilliantly!

It was fantastic to have so many community members visit our school.



Whooping Cough

There has been a recent increase of whooping cough amongst primary school aged children. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. Children with symptoms should see a GP. If whooping cough is diagnosed, please let the school know and keep your child at home as the doctor advises. Keep coughing children away from babies. Whooping cough vaccines give good protection from infection but immunity fades. If your school aged child has younger siblings, it's a good idea to check that they are up to date with their vaccines.

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!

Lunch Voucher Winners from Week 10, Term 2- Jock Lander and Serena Ngu

Kids travel cheap

CountryLink currently offers a \$1 kids' fare, for children aged four to 15, to help make your holiday, short break or visit to friends or relatives more affordable.

Up to four children from the one household can travel to any destination on the CountryLink network for just \$1 each (subject to certain

conditions). All passengers must be members of the one household and must travel together for the duration of the journey. More info or online bookings go to: www.countrylink.info/promotions#dollar or call 13 2232

Win a \$5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 1

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: _____

Mosaic Work with Local Rotarians

Year 6 students are working with Griffith Rotarians to complete Mosaics that the Rotarians hope to place in the Community Gardens opposite GPS. 6C started their mosaics last Term and 6T will also participate in the project this Term.

