



### NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 2

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#### Term 3 2011

##### Calendar

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

##### Week 2

Thursday, July 28 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) Meeting
Friday, July 29 <sup>th</sup>	1pm K-6 Assembly Book Club Due

##### Week 3 Education Week

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

##### Week 4

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

##### Week 5 Life Education Van Visits

Wednesday, August 17 <sup>th</sup>	7pm P&C Meeting
Friday, August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Zone Athletics Carnival

##### Week 6 Life Education Van Visits

Friday, August 26 <sup>th</sup>	1pm K-6 Assembly P&C Party Expo
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#### KROP

Only two weeks to go until KROP!

Congratulations to our students who performed so well at last week's dress rehearsal. The students involved in KROP were fantastic ambassadors for our school.



The costumes look spectacular and the performance was terrific.

A very big thank you to our Tongan community members for preparing our students for KROP 2011. Thank you Siosi Liu, Fred (Feleti) Moala and

Paul Fineanganofu who have taught our students the dance moves. Thanks to Fred for also doing the music. Thank you to the GPS staff who helped with costumes. Also a very big thank you to Mrs McWhirter who is keeping everyone organised and who has also put a lot of time and effort into preparing costumes and practising the dance, also to Mrs Lander for assisting Mrs McWhirter in organising this year's KROP item. It is wonderful to have teacher's volunteer to do additional activities such as KROP as it is very rewarding for all involved.

We especially have to thank a parent from our school, Siosi Liu, who has put in countless hours helping the girls with their dance moves and doing so much to make sure the costumes are perfect. Without her drive, energy and passion we could never have created such a wonderful performance. If you do not have tickets to see KROP please go to Griffith Regional Theatre to purchase them. You may be lucky...there are not many tickets left! For students wishing to attend the matinee performance with a group from school please purchase your ticket at the school office.

Mrs Lander and Siosi Liu



### Intensive Swimming

From the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 was sent home last week. Please return it to school along with payment to secure a place in the program.

### 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.

### SRC Sports Shirts

The SRC have purchased sports shirt for sporting teams to wear when representing our school in touch football, basketball etc. The shirts were purchased with money raised by the SRC and also with sponsorship money donated by the Griffith Leagues Club. Thank you to Mr Workman, the SRC and the Griffith Leagues Club for making it possible for the students at GPS to have a special sports uniform.



### Premiers Sporting Challenge

This year Griffith Public School is embarking yet again on the Premier's Sporting Challenge. Each

class will work towards physical goals to improve overall fitness and well being and then record their time spent exercising in a log book. It's not hard! Any daily physical activity of moderate to vigorous intensity can be used to accrue time. Moderate activities could be as simple as brisk walking, bike riding with friends, skateboarding, lawn bowls, playground games, yoga and dancing. Vigorous activities are associated with such activities as Australian Football, netball, aerobics, soccer, running, fitness circuits, dance, swimming laps and training for sport. Opportunities for moderate to vigorous activity are also provided by:

- Incidental activity
- Playground games
- Organised sport competitions
- Outdoor adventures and physical recreation programs
- Dance associated with the performing arts

Students are encouraged to contribute to the class activity targets and goals by engaging in activities that reflect their interests and abilities. It is recognised that not all team members are in a position to contribute the same amount of time to class activity goals. Some students will be in a position to contribute very significant amounts of time through their already high commitments to sport and training regimes. This level of contribution by an individual student or several students in a class has the potential to dominate the time accrued each week by a particular class. As a means of establishing a fair playing field, individual students may contribute a maximum of 85 minutes a day. Students are encouraged to work towards the recommended national daily activity standard of one hour per day\*. Classes accumulating this average amount of time in physical activity over the 10 week Challenge are awarded the Premier's Primary School Sport Challenge Gold Award. We wish all students the very best during the challenge this year. If you have any further questions regarding the challenge and what it entails for your child please don't hesitate to contact Sandy Jolly (Premier's Sport Challenge Facilitator).

### P&C News

Due to commitments such as KROP there has been a change of date for the P&C Meeting. The meeting will now be held on Wednesday August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Fundraisers this Term include our

Party Expo which will have products for sale such as Tupperware, Scrap Booking, Children's Books and Toys and lots more. Today you will find a Family Photographer Fundraiser. Please return the envelope to the school by next Friday if you would like to participate. All money raised by the P&C benefits students at GPS.

### Canteen News

Thank you to last week's helpers, Kerri Sutton and Cathy Davis. Chicken Burgers \$3.50, Hot Ham & Cheese Rolls \$3.50, Hot Dog \$3.00, Pluto Pups \$3.00. Thank you, Brenda.

Canteen Roster	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Shirley Power
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Siosi Liu
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Elena
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Elena
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Helper

### Woolworths Dockets

From July 18<sup>th</sup> to September 18<sup>th</sup> 2011, Woolworths will give you one Earn & Learn point for every \$10 you spend in store (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards). Points will automatically appear on your shopping dockets. All you need to do is save those dockets and bring them to school (Woolies have given us a special collection box). You will be able to track our progress on our point's barometer poster at school or online at [woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn)

At the end of the 9-week program, we can redeem our collection of points against a choice of more than 7,000 educational resources. The list is extensive and includes library books, classroom equipment, art & craft materials and much, much more...

There's no limit to the number of points we can collect, so your participation will really make a difference. The more points we earn, the more resources we can order!



Help Woolies to help our school.  
Start collecting Woolworths  
Earn & Learn Points today!

## 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!**

## 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](http://www.countrylink.info/promotions#dollar) or call 13 2232

## Win a \$5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 2

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: \_\_\_\_\_

WLSNSW & MIGRANT SETTLEMENT SERVICES, GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL

## presents **SAFE IN OUR PLACE**



An opportunity for settlement/community workers to hear from specialist lawyers at this one-day seminar about family violence and the law:

Family violence in refugee and newly arrived migrant communities  
Legal options available Roles and responsibilities of police  
Family Law, Immigration & Family Violence Victims Compensation in NSW

### Speakers:

**MAHA NAJJARINE**  
Family and Civil Law Solicitor  
Women's Legal Services NSW

**REBECCA HITCHCOCK**  
Domestic Violence Specialist Solicitor  
Women's Legal Services NSW

**REGISTER:** Email your name, position, organisation and contact details by 15 August 11 to [safeinourplace@clc.net.au](mailto:safeinourplace@clc.net.au)

For more information: (02) 8745 6900  
Please advise of any dietary requirements



**TUESDAY 23 August 2011 | 9am – 3pm**  
Burley Griffin Room, Regional Theatre, 1  
Neville Place GRIFFITH NSW 2680

**Entry FREE of charge**  
(Includes light lunch)



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