



NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 7

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Term 4 2012

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

Week 7

Thursday November 22 nd	2013 School Captain Nominees Speeches
Friday November 23 rd	Festival/Christmas Dress Up Fundraiser Day

Week 8

Thursday November 29 th	6.30-8pm K-2 Frolic
Friday November 30 th	K-6 Assembly

Week 9

Tuesday December 4 th	Stage 2 Excursion
Wednesday December 5 th	Stage 2 Excursion, P&C meeting 7pm
Thursday December 6 th	10.30am Presentation Day Uniform Shop Closed
Friday December 7 th	Gold & Silver Reward Day

Week 10

Wednesday December 12 th	Platinum Reward Day
Thursday December 13 th	Year 6 Farewell
Friday December 14 th	10am Year 2 Graduation K-6 Assembly Reports sent home

Week 11

Tuesday December 18 th	Uniform (whole year) Award Day
Wednesday December 19 th	Last day of term Four

GPS Choir

Last Wednesday the school choir sang at the Probus Group's Christmas Party. Thank you to Mrs Lander and Mrs Kitchingman for their hard work with the choir and thank you to our choir students for their wonderful performance. The Probus group kindly donated three books to our school Library as a thank you for the choir's efforts. Probus are an association of retired people who meet to share common interests.



'Enviromentors'



Last week we had 'Enviromentors' workshops in our hall. All students participated in the activities over three days. The activity the students enjoyed

the most was watching a film clip about where the recycling goes to after it is collected from their homes. They were amazed that in one small bale there were 3000 aluminium cans and that if you place plastic bottles into a plastic bag into the recycling they do not open the bag to remove the bottles, they throw the lot out. Students also enjoyed creating their own songs using recycling words.

The Enviromentors workshop is a free program and has been visiting us for the past 3 years. It is a valuable program and the students and staff learn a lot about our environment, how to sustain it and keep it clean and protected.

Excellence in Aboriginal Initiatives Award

Congratulations and thank you to the GPS students and staff who attended the Indigenous awards at the Regional Theatre on Friday night. Griffith PS staff were very proud to be the winners of the 'Excellence in Aboriginal Initiatives Award'. Personalised Learning Plans, Wiradjuri Garden, Sista Speak, NAIDOC Week activities such as the Elders Morning Tea, were some of the many initiatives mentioned as we were presented with the award. Thank you to all staff, in particular Mrs Jan Kitchingman, for all the effort and care that is put into what we do for students at GPS. Thank you also to all the community members that show their support to students and staff in many ways.



Stage 3 Rugby League Development Sessions

Over the past five weeks, Year 5/6 classes have been attending Rugby League Clinics organised by Country Rugby League. In these clinics, students have been participating in modified league games and even learning and creating some games of their own. Each student was presented with their

very own Rugby League ball last week. Rugby League is a sport enjoyed by many students at GPS. Maybe one day in the future we might see one of our 5/6 students playing in the NRL. Who knows? We thank the Country Rugby League for their commitment to this program.



Christmas Decorations at the Plaza

Griffith Public School students worked hard last week to create beautiful Christmas decorations for the Christmas Trees at Griffith Central. All the students who were at school last week made a decoration and we covered 3 trees. If you cannot find your child's decoration on the trees at Central it may mean your child does not have permission to have their photo displayed or you did not complete that section on your child's record card. We have their decoration at school and it may be collected from the computer room.



Jake Rand called past our Christmas trees on Sunday and admired the decorations. Thank you to Mrs McWhirter for her organisation and efforts to make sure our decorations were completed and hanging.

Festival / Christmas Dress Up Day

This Friday, for a gold coin donation, students can wear casual clothes in the colour or theme of Christmas or Festival. Money raised will go towards the purchase of a Year 6 farewell gift to the school. The Year 6 students traditionally give the school a parting gift. This year they would like to purchase a mobile barbeque. Please support our Year 6 students by wearing your festive clothes. Don't forget the gold coin donation!

P&C News

Our next meeting will be our Christmas meeting and this will be held at the Victoria Hotel on Wednesday 5th December at 7pm.

The Uniform Shop will be open on the following dates-

Open - Thursday 22nd November
- Thursday 29th November
- Thursday 13th December

Closed -Thursday 6th December (due to our Presentation Day)

The Uniform Shop will also be open MONDAY 28TH JANUARY 2013 from 9am-11am.

I would like to thank our very small group of volunteers who help in the Canteen and the Uniform Shop. We appreciate all the time that you give to our school. A special "Thank you" to Dawn Milne for assisting us in the Uniform Shop.

Helen Lander

Canteen News

Wednesday 21 st	Anne Kelton
Thursday 22 nd	Agnes Lolohea
Friday 23 rd	Elena
Monday 26 th	Elena
Tuesday 27 th	Kerri

We now have watermelon bowls for \$2.50

Hot Dogs \$3
Chicken Nuggets \$
Hot Ham/Cheese Rolls \$3.50
Sweet chilli chicken wrap \$3.50

Year 6 Graduation

A reminder to Year 6 students and their families that Graduation night is Thursday December 13th. Students need to meet in the 5/6W room by 5.15pm at the latest. The ceremony will begin in the school hall at 5.30 sharp. After the ceremony students and family can join together for a meal. The cost for a meal is \$20 per student which includes 2 family members. Extra family members are welcome at a cost of \$5 per person. Following tea, a disco will run until 9pm when all students will need to be picked up. Money is now due.

Please send your money with your child's name in an envelope to the school office by December 3rd at the latest. Late orders cannot be accepted.

Year 5 students are welcome to attend the disco from 7pm onwards for a gold coin donation at the door.

Brilliant Writing

Bronwyn Murray in KB completed a very long and interesting piece of writing for Mrs Bye last week. Well done Bronwyn, keep working hard...imagine what you will be able to do by the time you reach Year 6!



Coolah Chronicle

The Coolah Chronicle is our school's yearly magazine. It is a record of 2012 at Griffith Public School. It is filled with photos of the students at our memorable activities held throughout the year. Please order and pay for your copy of this year's Coolah Chronicle now. Black and White copies will cost \$5 each. Full colour copies will cost \$25 each. We only print what is ordered so please avoid disappointment and order yours today. All orders are to be in to the office by Friday 7th December, 2012. The completed Coolah Chronicle will be handed out on Monday 17th December, 2012

'Sista Speak'

Sista Speak is an Aboriginal girl's wellbeing program designed to be run in partnership with the local community. The young women participate in a variety of activities aimed at improving their self-esteem, understanding of career options, finance and ability to make positive life choices. Maxine Kirby our Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO), with the assistance of Mrs Campbell, has been running the program at GPS this term. The girls have participated in a number of activities and work with Aboriginal community members as mentors. Shailyn Williams, Lynette Kilby, Alice Watts and Lonnie Jones have all been involved in the program.



Are You Moving?

Please inform the school as soon as possible if you are moving away from Griffith.

Research shows that when parents take the time to get children ready for a change of school they settle in quickly.

Go to:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/smoothing-the-way-when-your-child-changes-schools>



Snakes Visit GPS thanks to Mr Enness, Father of Tysen and Abbiey-Jean

Win a \$5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 7

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 _____

Congratulations to Zipporah Puleholoto-Nosa and Esther Lolohea who won the vouchers at the last assembly.



K- 2 Frolic

The K-2 Frolic will be held
on
Thursday 29th
November
in the hall.

DRESS- Christmas Theme or good casual clothes.

TIME- 6.00pm-7.30pm.

Children will be able to buy drinks for \$1.00.

See you then!

Sports Crazy Camp

Sport and Recreation will again be holding its popular Sports Crazy Camp for boys and girls between the ages of 10 to 13 years in January 2013 at the Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre. Sport Crazy Camp - Monday January 14th to Friday January 18th 2012, the week long program will include playing a range of sports and activities. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to have a go and improve their skills in a variety of sports with instruction provided by qualified coaches and instructors. Copies of the enrolment form can be found on the department's website at the following address www.dsr.nsw.gov.au or alternatively, please contact our office by telephoning 0269 284 300 to have additional copies posted or emailed.

In order to secure a place in the program, students must ensure that they meet the age criteria and return a completed enrolment form to the return address by Friday December 24th, 2012.

Department of Education and Communities – Office of Communities
Sport and Recreation Division
Client Service Centre
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Celebrate the launch of

Community Heart Griffith

supporting health & wellbeing amongst adults

Thursday 22 November 2012

4pm to 8.30pm

Special guest MC, Home and Away's

Axle Whitehead

Eat well

FREE delicious food, local juice & healthy recipes

Get fit

Interactive demonstrations from Live Fit, Fresh & Base Fitness, health screening and information

Love life

Zumba Dance Party, live entertainment, showbags and heaps of giveaways including a 32Gig iPod Touch with state of the art headphones & FitBit with thanks to 3C Technology Shop, 2 free gym memberships and a tour of the Food Forest



facebook.com/communityheartgriffith

The Community Heart Griffith launch is proudly supported by 3C Technology Shop, The Area News, Star FM & 2RG, WIN Television Griffith, Retrovision, Sportspower Griffith, Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre and Collins Bookellers. This initiative was funded by the Australian Government and proudly supported by Griffith City Council

PRESENTATION DAY

Griffith Public School's Presentation Day will be held at the Griffith Regional Theatre on Thursday 6th December at 10:30am.

Parents are invited to be present at this special event. Tickets are \$5 each and must be obtained **from the school.**

If you wish to attend Presentation Day, please fill in the slip below and return it with your child immediately.

Please remember that every person over the age of 12 months must have a ticket/seat.

Tickets will be allocated on a 'first in, first served basis' and sent home with your child.

If you have any queries, please contact the school.

PLEASE NOTE: if your child is a student at Griffith Public School you do not need to purchase a ticket for them.

Please detach and return to school.

Child's name.....Class.....

I would like.....tickets at \$5 per ticket.

Enclosed is.....(\$5 per ticket)

Signed.....
(Parent/Guardian)