



NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 9

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Term 4 2012

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

Week 9

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

Monday December 10 th	Year 6 Excursion
Thursday December 13 th	Year 6 Farewell Platinum Reward Day
Friday December 14 th	10am Year 2 Graduation 11.30am Whole Year Uniform Award Lunch Reports sent home

Week 11

Wednesday December 19 th	K-6 Assembly Last day of term Four
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Congratulations 2012 Platinum Award Winners



K-2 Frolic



Students, parents and staff who attended the K-2 Frolic had a fantastic time last Thursday night. Students performed many dances they had learnt and also had the opportunity to involve family members in the dancing. Thank you once again to the staff that organised and participated in the Frolic.

Volunteers Morning Tea

Staff and students at Griffith Public School appreciate all the support they receive. Last

Tuesday we thanked those who volunteered in a variety of ways throughout 2012 by inviting them to a morning tea. Thank you to the volunteers who were able to attend and thank you to staff for supplying a tasty morning tea.



Published Books

Congratulations to eight Stage 3 students who had their stories and illustrations published as part of Murrumbidgee Irrigation's 'Enviro Stories' Program. Vienna Tanuvasa, Ngarima Low, Charlie Bruton, Andre Gumera, Armand Gumera, Selina Lokeni and Sione Kula were presented with a copy of their published books by Mrs Kerri-Ann Keely and Mr Stephen Johnson from Murrumbidgee Irrigation. Thank you to Mrs Lemon for running the program with her Literacy group.



Year 2 Graduation

Year 2 Graduation will be celebrated on **Friday 14th December 2012 at 10:30am** in the Griffith Public School Hall. Family and friends of Year 2 students are invited to attend this special ceremony. We look forward to seeing you there.

P&C News

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

The Uniform Shop will be closed this Thursday 6th December due to our Presentation Day.

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

Helen Lander

Congratulations-P&C Uniform Award

The Uniform Reward for the children who wore the correct school uniform for all of 2012 will be held on **FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER at 11.30am.**

The children will be having a special lunch at the Belvedere Restaurant. The lunch will be paid for by the P&C. We will be leaving school at 11.15am and walking to the restaurant. The children will be accompanied by Mrs Lander and Mrs Kitchingman.

Congratulations and well done to the children who wore their school uniform every day in 2012! Notes will be sent home with those children by the end of this week.

Thank you to the P&C for helping us with this reward.

Canteen News

Wednesday 5 th	Siosi
Thursday 6 th	Presentation Day
Friday 7 th	Elena
Monday 10 th	Elena
Tuesday 11 th	Kerri

Thank you to last week's helper, Kathy.

Watermelon Bowl	\$2.50
Pluto Pups	\$3
Chicken Nuggets	\$3
Chicken Burgers	\$3.50

Kittens to give away

Sue in the office has two very cute ginger and white kittens to give away. Please see Sue if you would like one.

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. Following tea, a disco will run until 9pm when all students must be picked up.

Year 5 students are welcome to attend the disco from 7pm onwards for \$4.00 at the door.

Coolah Chronicle

The Coolah Chronicle is our school's yearly magazine. It is a record of 2012 at Griffith Public School, 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. Spare order forms are available in the office foyer.

Choir

The GPS Choir will be singing at our Presentation Day on; THURSDAY 6th DECEMBER.

All choir children (except for KROP and school captains) are to wear to school their navy pants, navy socks and polished black school shoes. The children will get changed into the school choir shirt at school.

Children who are in the choir and KROP item are to wear their KROP clothes.

School captains are to wear their correct summer school uniform.

Thank you,

Helen Lander and Jan Kitchingman

Year 6 Excursion

On Monday 10th December Year 6 students will be attending their final excursion at Griffith PS. Please ensure your child has returned their payment and permission note by this Friday at the latest. Thank you.

Keeping Cool

- Drink cold drinks and eat smaller cold meals such as salads and fruit.
- Wear light coloured, loose fitting clothes made from natural fibres like cotton.
- Stay out of the sun.
- If you must go outside, apply sunscreen, wear a hat.
- Plan your day around the heat – avoid being outdoors between 11am and 5pm.
- Put wet towels or cool packs on your arms or neck or put your feet in cool water.
- Take cool showers or baths.
- Minimise physical activity, do all household chores early in the morning when it is coolest.

Keep your house cool

- Cool your house by closing windows, shutting curtains and blinds, opening windows at night if you can to let in cool air.
- Use air-conditioning if you have it (make sure it's set to cool).
- If you don't have air-conditioning, spend time in a cool place like a library, shopping centre or cinema.
- Know which room in your house is the coolest (this will often be on the ground floor on the south side).
- If there is no power or you can't get to an air-conditioned space, spend time in the coolest part of your house.
- Use your stove and oven as little as possible.

Take care of others

- Visit or telephone elderly friends, neighbours and relatives, at least once a day.
- Check that they have water in the fridge.
- Encourage them to drink.
- Help them to find the coolest room in the house.
- Consider taking them to a cool place (e.g. shopping centre, library or cinema).
- Take particular care to keep children cool and get them to drink lots as they won't often do this

by themselves. Never leave babies, children or animals alone.

After the heat has passed

- Continue to drink plenty of fluids so your body can get back in balance.
- Take time to rest and recover as coping with extremely hot weather can be very tiring.
- Go to your doctor if you feel unwell after the heat has passed.
- Open windows and doors to let your house cool down but make sure you don't compromise the security of your home.
- Contact family and friends to see if they have coped during the heat and if they now need help with anything.
- Think about how well you coped during this time of extreme heat and what, if anything, you would do differently next time.
- Make any changes in your home so it will be more comfortable for you during another time of extreme heat in a car even if the air-conditioner is on.



Family FUN Day

Raising money for the family of the late Robert Taituave

Saturday 8th December
10am - 2pm

Sausage Sizzle, Stalls, Sports PLUS

\$3000 in prizes in the Christmas Raffle

Come along and support your Aboriginal Community



GRIFFITH CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Exies oval #2
Pre-show Entertainment 6:15pm
by Metro and games and facepainting by Fusion
Carols by Candlelight 7:30pm
Fireworks 9:30pm

Food, drinks, candles and glowsticks will be available to purchase.
This is an alcohol-free family event.

SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2012

Proudly supported by Griffith Christian Churches Association and the following businesses:

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Entry fee is \$1 with all proceeds going towards St Vincent De Pauli, Langunyah House Youth Refuge and Fusion Riverina. Children under 5 free.

It's that time of the year again, time for decorating the Christmas tree, whistling those Christmas ditties, figuring out what you could possibly get Uncle Pat for Christmas and coming together as a community to the annual Griffith Carols by Candlelight.

Compeers Jenny Ellis and Steve Rand will introduce a bevy of local performers as they lead us in Carol singing, including: Rhys and Judy Callinan, Angie Rizzeri, Mechlene Nehme and Metro, Loretta Dee, John Lolohea, Suellen Dunbar, Ellie and Alana Vardanager, Marycarmen Blanco and Anna Frank, Jodi's Dance Company and more! Come hear our fantastic choirs: Dorothy Wade Preschool choir, Combined Primary School Choir, Marian College Choir, and the Fijian Uniting Church Choir.

Santa will be there with his helpers Jake and Miki, with gifts for the young children and we will be finishing the evening with an **awesome fireworks display**.

COST: \$1 per person over 5 years. All money collected at the gate is going to St Vinnies, Langunyah House Christmas hamper give-aways and Fusion's Uluru trip for disadvantaged young people.

This is an Alcohol free event.

Food: we have a BBQ, hot dogs, popcorn, donuts, Bellissima Wood fired pizzas, Mrs Whippy, Good Coffee, Hot chocolate, cakes and snow cones. Glowsticks and candles will also be available to buy.

This is a night for the whole family. We look forward to seeing you there. *There were close to 3000 people there last year so we suggest you get there early so you can get a good spot on the grass. There will be parking available on the oval itself coming in at the Speirs St entrance.*

StudyLadder

StudyLadder is an online educational resource that our school has been using. Your child can access a free version provided by StudyLadder. It is not compulsory for your child to use StudyLadder at home, however, regular access will help your child to reinforce what they have learnt at school.

At the end of this term all students will continue to have free limited access to StudyLadder from home. Students can still use their school usernames and passwords during the holidays. StudyLadder is providing all families with unlimited access to the Health and Safety section. The resources in this section and include the following;

- Calling emergency services
- Road safety
- Water and sun safety
- Bike safety
- Bullying and respecting others
- Medicine safety
- Cooking safety
- Safety around the house.

If for any reason your child is unable to log into StudyLadder, parents can open a new free account to access the same activities used at school.



Hat Reminder

Broad Brimmed School Hats are compulsory starting day one 2013 as part of the Sun Safe Policy.

No school hat, no play will be enforced. School hats are available from the canteen and the uniform shop for \$7.00.

2013

Years 1-6 Return to School on *Wednesday* 30th *January*

Kindergarten Start School on Thursday 31st January

Win a \$5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 9

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 last assembly's winners, Mikayla Coram and Jacynnda Samuolu.

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)