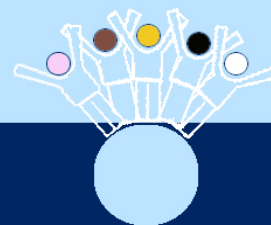


Griffith Public School

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NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 4

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Term 1 2012

Calendar

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

Week 4

Wednesday, February 15 th	Years 3-6 School Swimming Carnival 3.30pm K/1/2 Parent / Teacher Meet & Greet – Infants block
Thursday, February 16 th	6pm Years 5 / 6 Parent / Teacher Meet & Greet-Library
Friday, February 17 th	K-6 School Assembly, 1pm School Hall

Week 5

Friday, February 24 th	District Swimming Carnival 12.10pm Year 5/6 Assembly, School Hall 1pm K,1,2 Assembly, School Hall 2.40pm Year 3/ 4 Assembly, Library
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Week 6

Friday, March 2 nd	Clean Up Australia Day at GPS K-6 School Assembly, 1pm School Hall
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Week 7

Monday, March 5 th	Priority Schools Survey sent home (return to school for your chance to win \$50 canteen or uniform voucher)
Tuesday, March 6 th	2.30pm School Hall-Assistance to complete surveys provided
Friday, March 9 th	Riverina Swimming Carnival 12.10pm Year 5/6 Assembly, School Hall

1pm K,1,2 Assembly, School Hall
2.40pm Year 3/ 4 Assembly, Library

Week 8

Friday, March 16 th	K-6 School Assembly, 1pm School Hall
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Week 9

Friday, March 23 rd	12.10pm Year 5/6 Assembly, School Hall 1pm K,1,2 Assembly, School Hall 2.40pm Year 3/ 4 Assembly, Library
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Week 10

Thursday, March 29 th	School Photos
Friday, March 30 th	Years 3-6 School Cross Country

Week 11

Tuesday, April 3 rd	K-2 Easter Hat Parade
Thursday, April 5 th	Last Day of Term 1

Swimming Carnival

Tomorrow is our swimming carnival for students in years 3-6. Students have been busy preparing for the carnival at house meetings, rehearsing their team's war cry and making decorations and posters to help cheer on their team on the day.

Permission notes and money are due at school by 9.20am tomorrow morning. These notes have been given out in class. If notes are not returned students are unable to attend the carnival.

Don't forget to bring your swimmers, hat, towel, water bottle, goggles and lunch. The canteen at the pool will be open to students as well.

Parents and family members are welcome to come along and support our wonderful students as they race and win points for their sporting house. Parent spectator cost is \$2.50 at the pool entrance.

Thank you,
Amanda Morante

Apology to the Stolen Generations

Yesterday, a group of Koori children visited the Aboriginal Community Centre to commemorate the Anniversary of the Apology to the Stolen Generations.

The children, together with their Elders and community members reflected on the significance of this event in our history.



Thank you to Maxine Kirby and Mrs Kitchingman for making it possible for students from Griffith PS to attend this important event.

P&C News

Thank you to the parents who attended our last P&C meeting. Lots of decisions were made including holding the Fun Run again in conjunction with our cross country carnival and selecting the gifts for the Mothers Day Stall in May. We also discussed the possibility of a tartan winter skirt for the girls.

We were pleased to hear from Jude about the increased number of children at GPS.

The P&C are once again supporting our staff and volunteers at the Swimming Carnival by providing morning tea. If you could help by making a slice or cake it would be greatly appreciated. These can be left at the staff room **TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY 15TH)** in the morning.

Our Next P&C meeting will be our AGM and this will be held on **WEDNESDAY 14TH MARCH** in the staffroom.

See you tomorrow at the swimming carnival cheering for our children!

Helen Lander

School Canteen

Please have orders to the canteen no later than 9.30am.

Canteen Roster

Wednesday 15 th	Swimming Carnival
Thursday 16 th	Agnes Lolohea
Friday 17 th	Elena
Monday 20 th	Elena
Tuesday 21 st	Kerri

Thank you to last week's helpers Siosi and Anne Kelton.

Watermelon Bowls	\$2.50
Chicken Burgers	\$3.50
Pluto Pups	\$3.00
Hot Ham/Cheese Rolls	\$3.50

Brenda
Canteen Manager

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Last year our school took part in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion. Thank you to all the families who collected their grocery docketts and brought them into our school. We collected thousands of points and were able to use those points to purchase \$665 worth of resources for our school. We chose to purchase more musical instruments for use by all of our students in our music room. Year 1 students were the first to have a look and play at our new instruments.





Again thank you to everyone who supported this promotion. It was a nice way of receiving resources just by doing the groceries at Woolworths!!

Priority School Program-Chance to win a \$50 Canteen Voucher or a \$50 Uniform Shop Voucher!

On the 5th of March you will receive a survey to fill in. The information you provide on the survey is important as it allows the school a chance for funding from the Priority Schools Programs from next year.

The information you provide is anonymous and confidential. No-one at the school, including the principal, will open the envelope you return to school.

There will be a name flap on the envelope that will be removed by the school so that we can check if envelopes have been returned.

If you need help to complete the survey please come to the school hall on Tuesday the 6th of March at 2.30pm.

All families who return their surveys will go into the draw to win a \$50 canteen voucher or a \$50 uniform shop voucher.

Holiday Reading Diaries

Students are asked to return their holiday reading diaries to Mrs Kruger-Davis as soon as possible. Every child who returns their diary will receive a certificate and a McDonalds voucher.

Building Literacy and Numeracy through Shopping

Pre-school to Year 2:

- Look at signs and read them aloud.
- In the fruit section, ask your child to count out the fruit you want. For example you could ask for 3 oranges, 5 apples and 3 bananas, etc.
- Ask your child to add the numbers of the fruit you have chosen.

- Ask your children to match the fruit or vegetable with the price sign.
- How many bottles are in the trolley? How many cans are there? Packets? Can you make up a game or rhyme together?
- How many red or blue or green packs are in the trolley? Say the colours in your home language as well as in English.
- Which pack or bottle of milk holds the most milk?

Years 3-6:

- Make a shopping list with your child before going shopping.
- Discuss 'specials' in shopping catalogues.
- Which brand is the best buy for quantity?
- Check your docket for goods and correct prices. Practise counting in your home language as well as English.
- Estimate the weight and then use the scales to weigh fruit and vegetables.
- Give your child little problems to solve. For example, imagine that you are having seven people to a barbeque. You want to cook three sausages each for them. How many sausages will you buy? What would you do if sausages only come in packs of eight?
- Imagine that you have a budget of \$30 and you want to cook a meal for four people. What could you buy and cook? What games or stories from your culture could you bring into the evening?

K-2 Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at last week's assembly.

KB Tiare-June Orake Timote Liu Jordan Manuopu	KV Emily Power Jessiah Bamblett Kathleen Asomua
KL Brianna Little Erica Rebetzke Monica Brown	1B Jamahl Corkery Tatyana Ioelu Emanuel Orake
1F Yanga Marela Dhruv Mehra Sarah O'Keefe	2L Allana Little Beau Harrison Charmi Gami
2D Alex Smyth Danah Sumayang Brenda Goolagong	2B Justen Kelton Joany May Abria Shakira Carberry

General Assistant

Our permanent General Assistant, Terry Murphy, is currently on leave. Thank you to Mr Ray Schaefer who is relieving in his position for the next few weeks.

Wanted

We would appreciate donations of children's books for use in the home reading program. Please contact Barbara Kruger-Davis if you can help.

Contact Details

Information cards have been sent home with students and parents. Please complete and return to school as soon as possible. These cards have information that is needed by the school in order to contact parents. Thank you.

**UNIFORM SHOP
OPEN THURSDAY
1.30-2.30pm**

School Hats only \$7.00!!!

Mark the date!

**School Photos will be on the
29th March 2012**

**Envelopes will be sent home on the
12th March 2012**



**YOOGALI FOOTBALL CLUB
(YFC JUNIORS)**

**WANTED
(Players all ages)**

Registration Days:

Saturday February 11th & 18th from 12-3pm

at Yoogali Club.

Registration Fee:

\$100 first child, \$90 for 2nd child and \$80 for the third child/U6 players.

All enquiries call Anna Arcifa 0401 977516 or Kim De Poali 0412 862675



**YENDA BLUEHEELERS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE
2012 registrations for
U6 – U15 Rugby League Players
U6 – U16 League Tag Girls**



**Griffith Central 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. Saturday 11th Feb 2012
All new players must bring their birth certificate, passport or blue book**

Training commences 1st March at Jubilee Oval, Griffith. 4:30p.m. to 5:30p.m.
With a BBQ and meet the coaches
All enquiries to David Busnello 0427 160466
or Jodie Payne 0429 140484