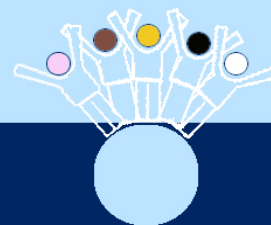


Griffith Public School

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NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 5

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Term 1 2012

Calendar

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

Week 5

Friday, February 24th	Zone 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 6

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

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

Wednesday, March 14 th	7pm P&C Meeting
Friday, March 16 th	K-6 School Assembly, 1pm School Hall

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

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



Last Wednesday's swimming carnival was a fantastic day. Congratulations to Years 3-6 students for their beautiful behaviour and outstanding efforts in the pool.

The results were;

1st Bradman, 2nd Goolagong, 3rd Fraser, 4th Norman Age Champions

Junior Girl – Jessica Power	Junior Boy – Arshdeep Singh
11yrs Girl – Rose Bretherton	11yrs Boy - Ryley Carroll
Senior Girls – Joint winners Tina Carberry & Abbiey-Jean Enness	Senior Boy – Ngarima Low

The following students have qualified to compete at the Griffith Zone Carnival on Friday:

Rose Bretherton, Jessica Power, Danae Woods, Tina Carberry, Bianca Sutton, Arshdeep Singh, Ryley Carroll, Joel Misiloi, Miracle Fanene, Ngarima Low.

Thank you to Miss Morante for her wonderful organisation and to staff for their assistance. Thank you also to parents who volunteered their time to assist and P&C for their generous catering.



Swimming Carnival Lost Property

Found after the carnival:

- 1 green muscle shirt size 12
- 1 coca Cola beach towel
- 1 blue towel
- 1 light green towel

These items can be collected from the front office until Friday. If not collected they will be put in our clothing pool.



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.

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

Helen Lander

School Canteen

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

Canteen Roster	
Wednesday 22 nd	Shirley Power
Thursday 23 rd	Cathy
Friday 24 th	Elena
Monday 27 th	Elena
Tuesday 28 th	Kerri Sutton

Thank you to last week's helpers Agnes Lolohea and Kerri Sutton

Nuggets	\$3.00
Chicken Burgers	\$3.50
Pluto Pups	\$3.00
Pies	\$3.00
Watermelon or rockmelon bowls	\$3.00

Brenda
Canteen Manager

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.

Helping your Children with Language at Home

If you are used to speaking a language other than English at home, it is important to continue to support your child in maintaining home language. This will also help your child with English.

Pre-School to Year 2

- Sometimes ask your child questions that require more than a simple answer or a very limited response like "yes" or "no".
- Show by your behaviour that you are listening, not just hearing. Build on your child's responses. Interact with them. Ask questions, add information and make links between ideas.
- Talk with your child about the ideas and events in stories as you read books together.
- Listen to your child as he or she tells you about events that did not involve you. This helps children clarify their ideas and prepares them for writing.

Years 3-6

- Ask your child to discuss with you a wide variety of topics. Encourage your child to talk more deeply about a topic, so ask for more information.
- Discuss different ways to solve problems. What would happen if...?
- Ask your child to give reasons for his or her choices when making a decision. Listen and respond in ways that encourage further thinking aloud, rather than ending the conversation with your opinion.
- Provide opportunities for your child to listen and share ideas with a range of people from various backgrounds and age groups.
- Talk at a normal pace and volume and use adult words.

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.

Wiradjuri Gardeners

This year Aboriginal students in Stage 3 will be working on re-developing the Wiradjuri garden with the help of Maxine and Mrs Lemon. They will be working in selected groups rotating on a term by term basis. The students have been selected, with their strengths in mind and placed into one of the first three terms. Each term has a focus; Term 1- Planning, Term 2-Planting, Term 3-Posters and Term 4- Promoting. They will be working together every Thursday afternoon.

We started last Thursday. Here are a few of our Term 1 team members.



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.

**UNIFORM SHOP
OPEN THURSDAYS
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**

Friday Night Junior Tennis

Registration day Friday 24th February at 5pm
Come along for a parent/child fun night.
Junior competition starts Friday 2nd March
Cardio tennis lessons now available
Contact Cheryl 0429 126586 or Jeremy 0414
991623 or visit www.griffithtennisclub.com.au

**Kindergarten students enjoying the 'Spider'
drinks they made as part of their Literacy
lessons.**



**Year 5 and 6 students competing in a metre,
centimetre, millimetre race during maths
lessons.**



**Griffith High School Year 7 2013
Prospective Parent Evening
6pm - 7.30pm
School Hall
Wednesday 29th February**

This evening will include a school tour, a brief
presentation and Q&A session.