



NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 10

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Term 1 2012

Calendar

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

Week 10

Tuesday, March 27 th	K-2 Fun Run
Thursday, March 29 th	<u>School Photos</u>
Friday, March 30 th	Years 3-6 School Cross Country

Week 11

Tuesday, April 3 rd	12.15pm K-2 Easter Hat Parade
Wednesday, April 4 th	7pm P&C AGM & Meeting
Thursday, April 5 th	Last Day of Term 1

Harmony Day at GPS and Sprinkles

On Wednesday 21st of March we all celebrated Harmony Day. Students and staff dressed up in traditional clothes, colours and the Harmony Day colour orange.

Our world maps displaying all the different cultures at our school are very interesting. They are on display in the administration foyer.

Sprinkles, our multicultural playgroup celebrated Harmony Day with families wearing traditional costumes and sharing food and dance from a variety of countries.



Sprinkles News

Sprinkles last session for Term 1 will be on Thursday 5th April and will resume after the Easter Holidays for Term 2 on Wednesday 2nd May at 9:30 AM.

P&C News

The next meeting date is Wednesday, April 4th at 7pm. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held followed by a normal meeting. We hope to see lots of parents and community members at this meeting.

Fun Run Sponsorship forms have been sent home with students. Please help support our P&C. All money must be returned to school by next Thursday.

Thank you,
Helen Lander

Easter Hat Parade

The K-2 Easter Hat Parade will be held on Tuesday 3rd April in the school hall at 12.15pm. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the parade which is a very special event on the K-2 calendar.

School Canteen

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

Canteen Roster	
Wednesday 28 th	Linda
Thursday 29 th	Rachel Dreyer
Friday 30 th	Elena
Monday 2 nd	Elena
Tuesday 3 rd	Kerri

Thank you to last week's helper Kerri Sutton, Shirley Power and Cathy Davis.

Dino Nuggets	\$3
Chicken Burgers	\$3.50
Hot Dogs	\$3
Pluto Pups	\$3.00

Thank you.

Brenda
Canteen Manager

James and the Giant Peach

Year's 3-6 students have the opportunity to go to the theatre on Tuesday 8th May (Term 2) to see James and the Giant Peach. At the moment 11 students have returned permission notes and \$14.50. If you would like your child to go please fill in the permission note (available from the school office) and pay \$14.50 at the school by Wednesday 4th of April.

School Photos are this Thursday **29th March 2012**

Please return photo envelopes to school.
Envelopes must be received by the 28th March

News from 4T

Last Thursday 4T went across to City Park to train on the fitness equipment.



Lakira and Gemma sign the GPS motto: Do your best!



Year 5/6 Students Visit Griffith High School

Last Wednesday students in Years 5 and 6 went to Griffith HS for a music lesson. The High School students were there to assist our students and make them feel welcome. Everyone had a great time playing the keyboards and guitars. Thank you to Griffith HS for allowing us to use their fantastic resources.



Young Leaders Conference

On Sunday morning at 6am Griffith Public School's four captains, Armand Gumera, Mikayla Coram, Rose Bretherton and Ngarima Low met with other schools to travel to Sydney on the bus (we got the back seats!!) to the Young Leaders Conference. This is an annual event that aims to develop strong leadership values amongst young Australians. On Monday at the Young Leaders Conference the students listened to a variety of people present

talks including Mike Martin, Anh Do, Ronni Khan, Ruben Meerman and Tom Harley.

The students not only enjoyed the conference but also enjoyed the experience of visiting and staying in the city! Ngarima really enjoyed listening to Anh Do, he said Anh was the funniest person he has ever met. Rose thought the busker on the street was great. Mikayla enjoyed meeting new people and Armand thought eating sour lollies was a bit of a treat!

Thank you very much to Mrs McWhirter for giving up her Sunday with her family to travel with the captains to Sydney and for looking after them whilst there.



ANZAC Day March, Wednesday 25th April

All students are invited to march and attend the Griffith ANZAC Day Service. Miss Hayman, staff and our school captains will meet students at **10.15am outside the Griffith Art Gallery** (pink building in Banna Avenue). Students must be dressed in their summer school uniform, including black shoes and navy socks.

It is important to attend this event as we are honouring soldiers who have represented and fought for Australia to be the safe and free country that it is today.

Students who participate also enhance their opportunity to earn a Gold Award.

Remembering our Ex-servicemen and Women on ANZAC Day in a Special Way

On Anzac Day this year, as happened the year before, a small white cross and a poppy will be placed on every ex-serviceman and woman's grave in the Griffith Cemetery: 987 graves in total.

After the ANZAC Day service in the park, the community and students in particular are invited to visit the Griffith Cemetery and place the provided flowers on the graves marked with little white crosses. Donations of flowers will also be gratefully accepted.

This was a beautiful thing to see over the past two years. Not one of the marked graves went without a flower placed there by the small but enthusiastic crowd.

Sixty-seven of these graves did not have a plaque. This year we have managed to make all sixty-seven of these graves with a plaque.

I look forward to seeing you all at the cemetery on ANZAC day.

Marg Tucker.

La Festa Road Closures

To accommodate the festival the following road closures will be put in place:

- Coolah Street between Willandra Avenue and Murrumbidgee Avenue will be closed off from 5pm on Thursday, 5th April and reopen on Monday, 9th of April.
- Murrumbidgee Avenue between Kookora Street and the Showground parking entrance way will be closed off from 7am on Saturday, 7th April from 7am and will reopen on Sunday, 8th April 2012.

Years 3-6 Cross Country 2012 **Reminder: Our Cross Country** **Carnival will be held this Friday.**

Please make sure that your permission note and \$2 bus money is returned to school ASAP.

Students who do not return their permission note and money will not be able to attend. Please contact Miss Hayman if you have any problems paying for the bus.

What to wear: Sports uniform or house colours, sensible running shoes, hat and Sunscreen.

What to bring: 2x Water bottle and asthma medication (if needed) **Please note** – there is no drinking water at the lake – students need to bring water from home.

Cost: \$2.00 for travel by bus

There will be a canteen on the day at the lake. Students may pack lunch from home or buy lunch. Any profit made from the canteen will be used to reduce costs of the Year 5 / 6 Major Excursion.

Sausage Sizzle: \$2

Fruit Box: \$1.50

Chips: \$1.00

Python: \$1.00

We are looking forward to an excellent day of running and fun!

Thank you,
Amanda Morante

Win a \$5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 10

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: _____