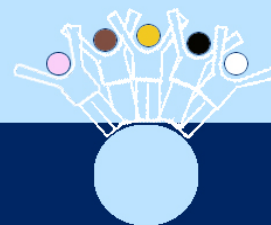


Griffith Public School

A quality education for all



NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 7

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Term 1 2012

Calendar

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

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

Wednesday, March 21 st	Harmony Day
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

Student Representative Council (SRC)



Congratulations to the following students who were nominated by their fellow students to be members of the 2012 SRC.

Year 2	Preston Murray (2B) Latisha Tia (2D) Omega Liu (2L)
Year 3	Gloria Kaati (3R) Reuben Leao-Seve Simpson (3R) Lili Henderson-Clark (3S) Jock Lander (3S)
Year 4	Molly Kaisa (4B) Jack Harrison (4B) Lakira Lualua (4T) Paul Taituave (4T)
Year 5	Frances Lalagavesi (5/6C) Genesis Samuelu (5/6M) Solomona Toru (5/6T) Kyle Mahon (5/6W)
Year 6 School Captains	Rose Bretherton (5/6W) Mikayla Coram (5/6W) Armand Gumera (5/6W) Ngarima Low (5/6M)

RAD Readers



Congratulations to the students who participated in the holiday reading program. All students were awarded a certificate and voucher for their reading efforts. Approximately 27 students completed the challenge.

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

Surveys were sent home to students in Kinder to Year 4, one per family. If you did not receive one please collect one from the office.

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

Please return the survey this week. The information on the survey is confidential. No one at GPS reads the surveys, they are sent to Sydney where the data is collated.

Thank you.

Floods

Griffith PS is fortunate to have not been flooded following the recent rain. We do have many staff members however who have been affected and are unable to travel in to school. We are sure you will understand that due to the current circumstances, we will have many casual teachers and possibly split classes. We also are accommodating some staff from other schools. Our thoughts and best wishes are with those who have been impacted by the floods.

Bus Behaviour

A reminder to all students travelling on buses – you must be on your best behaviour.

The bus driver is responsible for driving the bus and cannot and should not be having to deal with students doing the wrong thing. Students who are misbehaving are putting themselves and other students in danger.

The bus company's policy allows them to ban students who are misbehaving from bus travel. The school discipline policy also applies to bus travel therefore detentions, level drops and suspensions may also be issued to students who are doing the wrong thing.

Well done to the majority of students who are choosing to behave appropriately whilst travelling to school.

School Canteen

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

Canteen Roster	
Wednesday 7 th	Anne Kelton
Thursday 8 th	Mavis
Friday 9 th	Elena
Monday 12 th	Elena
Tuesday 13 th	Kerri

Thank you to last week's helpers Kerri Sutton, Cathy and Rachel Dreyer.

Nuggets	\$3.00
Pluto Pups	\$3.00
Chicken Burgers	\$3.50
Watermelon Bowls	\$2.50

Brenda
Canteen Manager

P&C News

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

Helen Lander

Late Arrival

If students are late arriving at school please remind them to sign in at the office before they go to class. It is a legal requirement to mark partial absences on class rolls.

Travelling to and from School Safely

A reminder to parents to please use the school car park safely. It becomes very congested and if people do not follow the rules an accident may happen. Students and parents are also reminded to please use the school crossings when crossing the road. Thank you.

Aussie of the Month

Congratulations are extended to Deondre Samuelu 3R, Genesis Samuelu 5/6M and Timote Liu KB who received the February Aussie of the month awards for their stages.

The award is designed to encourage children to be proud of themselves, their school and to understand the responsibilities and rewards of community participation. These students have shown that they are responsible, safe and respectful learners who demonstrate maturity and willingness to 'have a go'.



Computer Education

All students at Griffith Public School have access to specialised computer education lessons for 1 hour per week with Mrs McWhirter in the computer lab. Over the last few weeks children have been accessing educational websites on the Internet that can assist them with all areas of our curriculum especially English and Mathematics.

The websites we have membership to are Study Ladder and Zoowhiz. Both are Australian websites and their addresses are as follows;

Studyladder

www.studyladdercom.au



www.zoowhiz.com

All students Year 1 to Year 6 have their own user names and passwords that have been given to them during our lessons for these websites. If you would like a copy of these for use at home please send an email to Mrs McWhirter. In the email please include your child/children's name and class. Mrs McWhirter will send through their login details as soon as convenient possible.

Mrs McWhirter's email address is: leanne.mcwhirter@det.nsw.edu.au

Mark the date!

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

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

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: _____