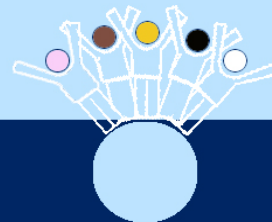


# Griffith Public School

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## NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 8

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### Term 1 2012

#### Calendar

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

#### Week 8

Wednesday, March 14 <sup>th</sup>	7pm P&C Meeting- <b>POSTPONED</b>
Friday, March 16 <sup>th</sup>	K-6 School Assembly, 1pm School Hall  Clean Up School Day

#### Week 9

Wednesday, March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Harmony Day, students may wear traditional clothing, colours or orange clothes
Friday, March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	School Photos
Friday, March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Years 3-6 School  Cross Country

#### Week 11

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

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

Please return your surveys ASAP. Thank you to the 65% of families who have already returned them. Surveys must be returned by the end of this week to have a chance of winning a voucher.

### Kindergarten Bus Safety

Last Tuesday Kindergarten students had special visitors from MIA Bus Services and representatives from NRMA. Kindergarten students learnt how to get on and off the bus safely and all students travelled around the block on the bus. Everyone had a fantastic time and students sat beautifully on the bus. Thank you to NRMA and MIA Buses for visiting and also for the bag of goodies each child received.



## Pioneer Park Excursion

On Wednesday the 7th March Year 3 and 4 went to Pioneer Park Museum as part of their H.S.I.E unit, Places - Then, Now and Tomorrow. Students were asked to make observations about different buildings, from our local area, that date back to over 100 years old and compare them to what we see today. We were also lucky enough to go on a train ride around the museum.

Thank you to the staff who organised the excursion and to those who took us to Pioneer Park. Everyone had a fantastic time and we learnt a lot.



## Floods

Thank you once again for everyone understanding our current situation. We still have a number of staff who have been unable to come to school as a result of the floods however we have managed to cover all classes to date.

We would like to thank everyone for accommodating Yoogali PS for two days this week. We would also like to welcome Yenda PS who has started school today at the former Kalinda site (next door). Our school community welcomes them and are willing to assist them in any way we can.

## Clean Up School Day

This Friday students will be participating in Clean Up the School Day. This was postponed earlier this Term as a result of the weather. Children are asked to bring a rubbish bag and gloves from home so they can participate in this important annual event. Our participation helps to enforce that we all need to look after our environment.

## Breakfast Room

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Breakfast Room will not be open tomorrow, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March. It will open again on Thursday. Thank you.

## Harmony Day

Harmony Day is celebrated around Australia on 21 March each year. It's a day when all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity. The day is also the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The continuing message for Harmony Day in 2012 is that **Everyone Belongs**, which means all Australians are a welcome part of our country, regardless of their background. It's a time to reflect on where Australia has come from, recognising the traditional owners of this land. It's also about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – celebrating the different cultures that make Australia a great place to live. This year we will celebrate the important role that sport plays in bringing together Australians from all walks of life to share in a common passion with the message Sport — play, engage, inspire. The aim is to encourage everyone, regardless of background, to participate in a sporting activity, increase understanding and to be inspired or inspire others.

Next Wednesday Griffith PS will be celebrating Harmony Day. Students are invited to wear traditional clothing that is part of their own or other cultures. Students who do not have a cultural outfit may wear colours that represent their culture or wear orange clothing, as orange is the colour that represents harmony. Students will also be participating in a sports activity.

## Mark the date!

**School Photos will be on the  
29<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

**Envelopes are being sent home today**

## P&C News

Unfortunately the P&C Meeting which was to be held this Wednesday has been postponed. The P&C President and other members are unable to attend as a result of the floods. **The new date is Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 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 are being sent home with students today with an explanation note.

Thank you,  
Jude Hayman (per Helen Lander)

## School Canteen

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

Canteen Roster	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Helen
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Agnes
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Elena
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Elena
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Kerri

Thank you to last week's helper Kerri. As we have two visiting schools with us at the moment due to the floods, the canteen will be extremely busy. To help things run more smoothly could all GPS students, staff and parents please have lunch orders in before 9.20am. Thank you.

Brenda  
Canteen Manager

**Do you have children 7 – 13 years old?  
Are you worried they might be above  
their healthy weight?**



The Go4Fun program helps kids get healthy & fit in only 10 weeks and also helps them stay that way!

The program has been specifically designed for children aged 7 – 13 years and their parents.

For more information call Matthew on 0404 597 752



## Assembly Awards

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

<b>KB</b> Feleti Faigafa Ana Langi Yoshabel Ratuverebukui	<b>KV</b> Kathleen Asomua Damanpreet Kaur Joe Tora
<b>KM</b> Victory Tiera Nathan Lualua Jye McIntyre	<b>1B</b> Miguel Fabian Peni Tuiaki Savannah Stewart
<b>1F</b> Joe Bretherton Ethan Nayden Kashvi Shah	<b>2L</b> Minata Misi Petilisa Winangaro Jerville Rala
<b>2D</b> Latisha Tia Robert Taituave Chelsea Mahon	<b>2B</b> Tina Singh Ruth Tietie Raymond Halaapiapi
No awards for KL	Teacher away

## Win a \$5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 8

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: \_\_\_\_\_