



NEWSLETTER TERM 2 WEEK 4

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Term 2 2012

Calendar

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

Week 4

Tuesday, May 15 th	NAPLAN Years 3&5
Wednesday, May 16 th	NAPLAN Years 3&5
Thursday, May 17 th	NAPLAN Years 3&5

Week 5-BOOK FAIR

Friday, May 25 th	K-2 Athletics Fun Day Zone Cross Country KROP Auditions K-6 Assembly-Sorry Day
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Week 6 Reconciliation Week

Friday, June 1 st	3-6 Athletics Carnival
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Week 7

Wednesday, June 6 th	P&C Meeting 7pm
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Week 8

Monday, June 11 th	Queen's Birthday-Public Holiday (no school)
Tuesday, June 12 th	Regional Cross Country
Friday, June 15 th	K-6 Assembly

Week 10 NAIDOC Week

Monday, June 25 th	NAIDOC Week Assembly
Tuesday, June 26 th	Indigenous Games
Wednesday, June 27 th	NAIDOC Week Cultural Activity Day
Thursday, June 28 th	Elders Morning Tea
Friday, June 29 th	K-6 Assembly

Mums and Muffins Morning Tea

Once again Griffith PS hosted a wonderful, free morning tea for mothers, grandmothers and carers. Thank you to Mrs Kitchingman, Nicole Myers, Pam Harris and Michelle Russell for organising the Mums and Muffins Day last Friday and to all our students for the fantastic portraits they created to decorate the hall. Mums and Muffins Day has become a lovely tradition at GPS.

Thank you to all the mothers, grandmothers and carers who attended. Students were very excited to be able to share this special event with you.





Mortimer Shield

Well done to the students who played Rugby League and Oz Tag at the Mortimer Shield competition held in Griffith last Tuesday.

The boys' league team played two games, one against Coleambally Central School, winning 30 nil and the other game was against Yenda PS who won 10-6. All the boys played exceptionally well. Behaviour was outstanding. Mrs Catanzariti (Team Manager) and Mr Ray Schaefer (Team Coach) were very proud of their achievements. Best player for the day was awarded to Kapeli Scanlon.

Thank you very much to Ray for once again coaching the boys and to Mrs Angela Catanzariti for her organisation. Thank you also to all the parents who went on the day to cheer the team on.



The girls Oz Tag team played their first game against Hay which they drew. The second game was against the Small Schools' team which they won 4-0. The last game of the day was against St Patrick's School. The girls won 5-1.

Unfortunately, due to a technicality (scoring the second try in our first game) the girls did not make it to the next round.

The player of the day was Tina Carberry scoring 3 tries and being an unstoppable force when tagging the opposition. The girls played exceptionally well and Mrs Chloe Catanzariti (nee Fuller) was very pleased with all their sportsmanship.

Thank you to Mrs Catanzariti for managing and coaching the team and to the parents who went along and supported the team on the day.



Book Fair

Griffith Public School will be holding its annual book fair commencing this Monday 21st of May and concluding on Friday the 25th of May. Items range in price from approximately \$2 to \$30.

The Book Fair is a wonderful way for students to buy good quality books to share with family and friends at home while earning resources for our school.

The library will be open before school at 9am, during lunch and until 3.30pm in the afternoon.

Thank you for your support.
Mrs Kylie Woods

Canteen News

Canteen Roster	
Wednesday 16 th	Helen Lander
Thursday 17 th	Rachel Dreyer
Friday 18 th	Elena
Monday 21 st	Elena
Tuesday 22 nd	Kerri

Thank you to last week's helpers Kerri Sutton and Shirley Power. Please have lunch orders in before 9.30am as we are extremely busy with Yenda school as well. You may have noticed the article in last week's Area News implying school canteens will not stock fresh orange juice. This is untrue. We have been able to source 100% fresh juice made from local oranges. Hopefully we will have it in our fridge in the next few weeks. Please support this product when it arrives. Thank you.

P&C News

Thank you to the small but enthusiastic group of parents who attended last week's P&C meeting. We had a lot of discussion in regard to organising some fundraising activities and the importance of sponsoring the schools uniform reward. Here is a reminder of what our winter uniform is;

Girls Winter Uniform

Navy trousers or navy tartan skirt
White shirt
Navy 'v' neck jumper with emblem
Navy socks
Black Shoes

Sports Uniform

Navy tracksuit
White shirt

Boys Winter Uniform

Grey long trousers
White shirt
Navy v neck jumper
Navy Socks
Black shoes

Sports Uniform

Navy tracksuit
White shirt

All of the above (except for shoes) are available at the Uniform Shop which is open on Thursday from 1.30pm-2.30pm. Thank you to Kerri Sutton for organising our uniform shop and all the volunteers who help her. We would like to remind all parents and carers that we do not accept returns at the Uniform Shop.

Thank you to Rachel and Siosi for helping at the Mothers' Day stall. We hope all Mums had a wonderful day and loved their presents. Thank you to our teachers for encouraging our children to create beautiful portraits and cards!

Our major fundraiser for Term 2 is a raffle. Please support the P&C who support all children at GPS by selling your raffle tickets which are attached to this newsletter. There are some terrific prizes to win!! Every time a child returns a book of sold raffle tickets to school, their name will go in the draw to win a canteen voucher. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 22nd June.

Thank you
Helen Lander, P&C President

KROP Auditions

We have 35 students, who are currently preparing for the KROP auditions on Friday 25th May, 2012. This year we have a 'Money' theme.

We have 3 actors from Stage 3 and 32 Year 5 and 6 children who have been working very hard to prepare for auditions. They have been giving up lunch times and have had some afternoons with Mrs Lander, Mrs Vearing and Mrs McWhirter. We really appreciate their commitment to KROP.

If we are successful with our audition we will be asking for some help with costuming. We all know the saying, 'many hands make light work' so we would appreciate any contributions you could make. More information will follow in regards to costuming. Thank you.

Excellent Literacy Worker

Jacynda Samuelu from KL wrote a fantastic sentence and illustrated it beautifully. Clever girl Jacynda!



Hard Worker

Miss Robinson was so impressed with Chad Waring-Bryant's creativity when making his portrait of his Mum, she sent him to share his work with Miss Hayman. Well done Chad!



Community Information

Centacare is holding a short course for separated parents called **Making Tracks After Separation**. The course is 3 sessions & aims to help parents through this difficult time. Course starts **May 14th**. Please phone **Centacare** on **69641447** for more information.

Monster Warehouse Clearance Sale order forms are due back ON FRIDAY!

The leaflets were distributed with the Newsletter a couple of weeks ago. Please order now! Final orders must be in on Friday 18th May, 2012. Spare order forms can be collected from Mrs McWhirter.



Don't miss your chance to order software from the EdAlive Monster Warehouse Clearance Sale.

- Great for gifts and birthday presents - stock up on a few copies!
- The school receives BONUS EdAlive software when you order
- All titles are eligible for the 50% Education Tax Refund

Leaflets for the sale were distributed to the school community the other week. **The closing date for orders is this Friday, 18/05/12***. Please return your orders to the front office or your classroom teacher so that we can send them off. **Late orders must be lodged directly with EdAlive and will incur extra postage and handling charges.* www.edalive.com

Benefits for our school

Griffith Public School will receive a free school-wide licence for an **EdAlive** title. Schools that reach their order target will also receive a **BONUS** licence for one of the **Computer Classroom v2** titles. So order now to ensure that your child's school receives maximum benefit! (Altogether that's nearly **\$600** in free licences!)

Woolworths Earn and Learn



Thank you to everyone that has started collecting Earn and Learn stickers from Woolworths supermarket (self-service too) to place on your family's sticker card. Once completed, simply drop the sticker card into a collection box that is in the front office or bring the stickers in and place them in the box. So far we have collected 120 points. Our target this year is 20,000 points!

So keep collecting and filling up the sticker charts. When your chart is full simply collect another one from the table near the collection box in the office.

A special thank you to Jaida Hope Maggs and Jacynda Samuelu. The girls have filled up their sticker cards and dropped them into our collection box at school. Great job!

GRIFFITH CITY LIBRARY BABY & TODDLER EXPO

The library is holding its award winning baby & toddler expo on Tuesday May 15 from 10am – 12. Special guest is baby expert and author of bestselling books *Baby Love* & *The Mighty Toddler*, "ROBIN BARKER". The expo will feature local businesses and service providers showcasing their products and services to all new and expecting parents. An evening session with Robin Barker will also be held that night at 6:30pm with champagne and nibbles. To RSVP, please contact library staff on 69622515.

GRANDPARENTS & FAMILY LAW

The Riverina Family Law Pathways Network in conjunction with The South West Slopes Law Society and Griffith City Library invite all interested persons to attend a seminar on the topic of grandparents and family law. Guest speaker, Maggie Oram, President of the South West Slopes Law Society will be on hand to answer questions relating to family law. Afternoon tea is supplied. Please RSVP to Keryn on 69 239100 for catering purposes.



Country First Credit Union's School Banking Program helps teach children about the importance of good savings habits, budgeting and setting long and/or short term financial goals.

If you would like more information regarding opening an account, please call: 69647333.

Before you consider taking any of our products or services please read our Disclosure Statements relating to our products.

Proud Sponsors of School Banking and the Uniform Subsidy Program

School banking is collected each Tuesday.

Please remember to send your child's bank case in if you wish to continue banking.

New accounts may be opened by collecting a form from the school office.

Win a \$5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 4

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: _____